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**Department of Justice**  
**BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

*February 24* 1927

To whom it may concern

This is to Certify that on *January 23, 1927*  
 the bearer, whose signature and picture appear hereon, was regu-  
 larly appointed a Special Agent of the Department and as such  
 is charged with the duty of investigating violations of the laws of  
 the United States and collecting evidence in cases in which the United States is or may  
 be a party in interest.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
 Director, Bureau of Investigation.



*J. G. Nagler*  
 Attorney General.

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Mr. Melvin Horace Purvis, Jr.,  
Box 18, F. & M. Bank Building,  
Timmonsville, South Carolina.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of your application for appointment to the position of Special Agent or Special Accountant in the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, is hereby acknowledged and same has been placed on file for future reference, there being no vacancies at the present time in the position sought.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Florence, S. C.  
December 18th. 1926.

Mr. Hoover,  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith application for appointment to the position of Investigator on the Department of Justice.

Congressman Allard H. Gasque forwarded same to me with the instruction that I fill out same and mail to you.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly

Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.

*Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.*

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

To  
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- General Luhring .....
- General Willebrandt .....
- General Marshall .....
- Mr. Chase .....
- Mr. Carusi .....
- Mr. Baldwin .....
- Mr. Harris .....
- Mr. Stewart .....
- Assistant Director .....
- Chief Inspector .....
- Chief, Division 3 .....
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- Chief, Division 5 .....
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- Chief, Division 7 .....
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*Acknowledge +  
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*V. E. H.*

*12/20/26*

*Atlanta only*

Investigation ordered  
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December 20, 1926.

Mr. Lewis J. Baley,  
P. O. Box 1058,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Please institute an investigation in order to determine the following named applicant's character, reputation, ability and qualifications for the position sought.

Applicant: <sup>D</sup> Melvin Herace Purvis, Jr.      Position: Special Agent.  
Address: Box 18, P. & M. Bank Building, Timmonsville, South Carolina.  
References and Personal History:

Mr. Fred L. Willcox, Florence, S. C.  
Mr. A. L. Hardee, Florence, S. C.  
Mr. R. B. Fulton, Florence, S. C.  
Mr. Henry E. Davis, Florence, S. C.  
Mr. J. H. McSwain, Timmonsville, S. C.  
Mr. R. W. Sharkoy, Florence, S. C.  
Mr. Douglas McKay, Columbia, S. C.  
Mr. Sam J. Royal, Florence, S. C.

Applicant graduated from Timmonsville High School. Graduated from University of South Carolina with degree of L.L.B. Has been associated with the firm of Willcox & Hardee in the practice of law since June 22, 1925. Applicant's entire life seems to have been spent in the vicinity of Timmonsville. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity (Southern).

Office of Origin: Atlanta.  
Auxiliary Investigations Ordered: none.

I desire that you cause a very complete and thorough investigation to be made in the community in which applicant has been a resident and has probably had business and social dealings not confining yourself solely to the references given as experience shows that they are as a rule favorable, thus you will be expected to check carefully the applicant's past life, standing and reputation in all previous business associations as listed above or such as your investigation may disclose.

You should arrange to have a talk with applicant, letting me have an expression of your opinion on his general bearing, but no encouragement as to possible appointment should be offered him.

Your report should be forwarded to this office at the earliest practicable time.

Yours very truly,

Director

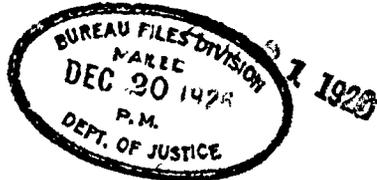
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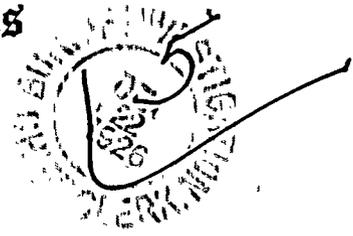
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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.  
December, 20-1926



Mr. Edgar H. Hoover  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Commerce

My dear Mr. Hoover;

A very bright young lawyer from my District in South Carolina by the name of Mr. Melvin H. Purvis informs me that he is filing his application with you for a position in your Department. It gives me great pleasure to recommend this man to you as I know him well and know his family to be of the highest type in South Carolina. It is very seldom that I ever ask a favor of any of the Departments along this line, but in this case I know the applicant so well and know that he is a deserving young man it gives me great pleasure to recommend him.

Thanking you in advance for prompt attention to this matter, I am

Respectfully yours

*A. H. Gasque*

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December 22, 1926.

Honorable Allard H. Casque,  
House Office Building,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Casque:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 20th instant in behalf of Mr. Melvin H. Purvis of Timmonsville, South Carolina, an applicant for the position of Special Agent in this Bureau.

Although there are no vacancies in the service at present, you may be assured that I am giving Mr. Purvis' application my personal attention and that if his qualifications so warrant, he will be placed on our eligible list for consideration when any vacancies occur.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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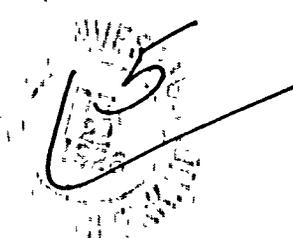
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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

Washington, D. C.  
 December 22, 1926.



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
 Bureau of Investigation,  
 Department of Justice,  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing you in behalf of Mr. M. H. Purvis<sup>D</sup> of Timmons ville, South Carolina, who has just recently filed an application for a position as an attorney in your Bureau.

Mr. Purvis is a graduate in law and has had several years experience in practice. I shall appreciate any consideration you can give his application.

Yours very truly,

*E. Smith*

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December 22, 1926.

Honorable Ellison D. Smith,  
Senate Office Building,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Smith:

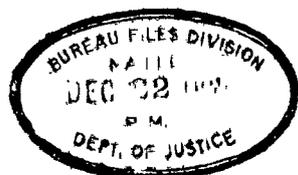
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 22nd instant in behalf of Mr. M. H. Purvis of Timmonsville, South Carolina, an applicant for the position of Special Agent in this Bureau.

Although there are no vacancies in the service at present, you may be assured that I am giving Mr. Purvis' application my personal attention and that if his qualifications so warrant, he will be placed on our eligible list for consideration when any vacancies occur.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Atlanta, Georgia

Dec. 22, 1926.



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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:- Attention Division No. 5

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, LCS:OHC, concerning Mr. Melvin Horace Purvis, Jr., Applicant for appointment as Special Agent for this department.

Investigation will be made and report forwarded you at the earliest practicable time.

Very respectfully,

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*Lewis J. Baley*  
Lewis J. Baley  
Special Agent in Charge.

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January 11, 1927.

Mr. Lewis J. Baley,  
P. O. Box 1058,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

To date the Bureau has not received the report from your office covering the investigation of Mr. Melvin H. Parvis, Jr., an applicant for the position of Special Agent, whose investigation was ordered on the 20th ultimo. Please forward your report without further delay.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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REPORT MADE AT: Atlanta, Ga.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-18-27	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Jan. 1-15, 1927	REPORT MADE BY: OMAR W. BARBER
TITLE: MELVIN H. PURVIS		CHARACTER OF CASE: APPLICANT FOR POSITION OF SPECIAL AGENT	

Atlanta File 67-71

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Interviews with persons given as references by Applicant and with others at Timmonsville, Florence, and Columbia, South Carolina, all recommend him highly.

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DETAILS: At Timmonsville, Florence, and Columbia, S.C.:

Reference is made to Director's letter, initials LCS:OHC, dated Dec. 20, 1926.

Agent interviewed J.H. McSween, Timmonsville, S.C., given as reference by Applicant. Mr. McSween is the leading merchant and banker of the town. He spoke very highly of Applicant, whom he has known since birth. He said that no young man of the community bore a better or more well deserved reputation than young Purvis and that he would vouch for both his character and intelligence. He said that he was absolutely honest and trustworthy and that he had a pleasant manner and approach in dealing with people.

Agent also interviewed S.W. Henry, Methodist Minister; E.S. Coates, Presbyterian Minister; L.E. Dubose, and C.R. Smith, merchants, and other citizens of Timmonsville, Applicant's native town, and all spoke highly of Applicant, both as to his character and ability.

Agent interviewed Mr. Fred L. Wilcox, Florence, S.C., Senior member of the law firm of Wilcox and Hardee with whom Applicant has been associated in the practice of law since June, 1925. Mr. Wilcox said that he has known Applicant since childhood and that he comes of one of the best families of the State. He said that Applicant's reputation and character were of the highest and that he considered him above the average young lawyer in intelligence. However, he said that he doubted that Applicant would make any great success in the practice of law as he was not aggressive enough in going after the dollars. Not that he was not industrious and ambitious, but he did not believe he was cut out for a money maker. He said that Applicant was absolutely honest and

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Samuel G. [Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	67-7489-8	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 21 1927
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that he had a knack of getting along pleasantly with people and that everyone who came in contact with him liked him.

✓ Mr. A.L. Hardee, R.B. Fulton, Henry E. Davis, R.W. Sharkey, and Sam J. Royal, all attorneys of Florence, S.C., and all men of high standing in their community, as are all of Applicant's references, were given as references by Applicant. On being interviewed they all spoke in highest terms of Applicant and confirmed what Mr. Wilcox had said of him. Agent also interviewed a number of other persons at Florence who expressed themselves in the same manner.

✓ Agent interviewed Mr. Douglas McKay, Columbia, S.C., given as a reference by Applicant. Mr. McKay, who is Chairman of the State Board of Law Examiners for South Carolina, said that he had known Applicant for several years and considered him above the average of young lawyers. He said that he did not consider him exceptionally brilliant, but that he was level headed, intelligent, and industrious.

✓ Agent also interviewed J.N. Frierson, Dean of the Columbia Law School, of which Applicant is a graduate, and he spoke in similar terms. He said it was not every young man who graduated that he would recommend for a position as Special Agent of the Bureau of Investigation, but that he could sincerely recommend Applicant.

✓ Agent also interviewed N.H. Clarkson of J.H. Clarkson & Co., Insurance Adjusters, Columbia, S.C. Mr. Clarkson said that in January, 1926, he needed a young man to assist him in adjusting claims, and that he asked Dean Frierson of the Columbia Law School to recommend a man to him. Applicant was recommended and worked for him until about September, 1926. He said that Applicant's services were satisfactory and that he now continues to send him work when he has cases arising in the vicinity of Florence. He said that Applicant was perhaps not hard bodied enough when it came to getting the utmost dollar for the Insurance Company in a settlement, yet he was absolutely honest and dependable.

✓ Agent met applicant while at Florence, S.C., and his impressions bear out the opinions above given. Agent believes him to be a young man of excellent character, good intelligence and manner and that he can be developed into a good Agent.

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January 24, 1927.

Mr. Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.,  
Box 18, F. and M. Bank Bldg.,  
Timmonsville, S. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your application for a position as Special Agent in the Bureau of Investigation, it is desired that you submit a report of your present physical condition. To this end you should consult the United States Public Health Service, Custom House, Charleston, South Carolina, submitting the enclosed letter for their attention. The report of this examination should be forwarded to this office not later than January 31, 1927. You are advised that travel to Charleston will be at your own expense.

Should you desire, however, to consult your private physician relative to this matter, it will be agreeable to the Bureau. The cost of this examination, of course, would be paid by you personally and not from Bureau funds.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

PERSONNEL ORDER

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To: Chief, Division 5:

Prepare necessary orders or memoranda as indicated by No. ....:

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M. H. Purvis, Jr.	Cl. 8	\$ 2700.	Special Agent
Order physical examination.			

Prepared F. Ad. 1-24-27 P. C. B. Phys. Ex. E. O. D.  
 Report Cards, Maps and Books Accomplished

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January 21, 1927.

Applicant: Mr. Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.Position: Special Agent.Date: Address: Box 18, F. and M. Bank Building, Timmons ville, S.C.Age: 23 Education: Graduated from Timmons ville High School and attended the University of South Carolina and received degree of LL.B.Degrees: LL.B.References and Personal History:

Mr. Fred L. Willcox,	Florence,	South	Carolina.
Mr. A. L. Hardee,	"	"	"
Mr. R. B. Fulton,	"	"	"
Mr. Henry E. Davis	"	"	"
Mr. J. H. McSween,	Timmons ville,	"	"
Mr. R. W. Sharkey	Florence,	"	"
Mr. Douglas McKay,	Columbia,	"	"
Mr. Sam J. Royal	Florence,	"	"

Applicant states that he was born in Timmons ville, South Carolina. Since his graduation from the University of S. C. he has been associated with the firm of Willcox & Hardee in the practice of law, beginning June 22, 1925. He has also been engaged in making adjustments on fire losses for various insurance companies.

Applicant claims membership in Kappa Alpha fraternity (Southern)

Letter of indorsement on file from Congressman A. H. Gasque of South Carolina, also one from Senator E. D. Smith of South Carolina.

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Mr. Fred L. Willcox,  
Florence, S. C.

Mr. Willcox is Senior member of the law firm of Willcox and Hardee and stated that he has known applicant since childhood, that he comes of one of the best families of the State, his reputation and character are of the highest, and he considered him above the average young lawyer in intelligence. He is absolutely honest and liked by everyone, but Mr. Willcox does not believe that he was cut out for a money maker, although he is industrious and ambitious.

Mr. A. L. Hardee,  
R. B. Fulton,  
Henry E. Davis,  
R. W. Sharkey, and  
Sam J. Royal, Attorneys,  
Florence, S. C.

All these men are of high standing in their community as are all of applicant's references. On beint interviewed, they all spoke in highest terms of applicant and confirmed what Mr. Willcox had said of him, as did other persons of Florence who were interviewed.

Mr. J. H. McSween,  
Timmons ville, S. C.

Mr. McSween is leading merchant and banker of the town. He stated that he had known applicant since birth and that no young man of the community bore a better or more well deserved reputation. He would vouch for both his character and intelligence and said that he is absolutely honest and trustworthy and has a pleasant manner of approach.

Mr. Douglas McKay,  
Chairman of State Board  
of Law Examiners for S.C.,  
Columbia, S. C.

Stated that he had known applicant for several years and considered him above the average of young lawyers, level headed, intelligent and industrious, but not exceptionally brilliant.

S. W. Henry,  
Methodist Minister,  
E. S. Coates, Presby. Min.,  
L. E. Dubose and C. R. Smith,  
merchants, Timmons ville, S. C.

These and other citizens of Timmons ville, applicant's native town, were interviewed, and all spoke highly of applicant, both as to character and ability.

J. N. Frierson, Dean of  
Columbia Law School, S.C.

Spoke in similar terms as to others interviewed, stating that it was not every young man who graduated that he would recommend for a position as Special Agent, but that he could sincerely recommend applicant.

N. H. Clarkson,  
W. H. Clarkson & Co.,  
Insurance Adjusters,  
Columbia, S. C.

Stated that in Jan. 1925, he needed a young man to assist him in adjusting claims and asked Dean Frierson to recommend someone. Applicant was recommended and worked until Sept. 1926, with services satisfactory and continues to handle cases in vicinity of Florence. Although applicant may not be hard boiled enough to get the utmost dollars for the Insurance Company in a settlement, he is absolutely honest and dependable.

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Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.

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Special Agent.

Personal interview.  
(S. A. Barber)

Agent met applicant while at Florence, S. C., and his impressions bear out the opinions above given. He believes him to be a young man of excellent character, good intelligence and manner and that he can be developed into a good Agent.

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Washington, D. C.

January 22, 1927.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In re: MELVIN H. FURVIS, JR.,  
Applicant for appointment as  
Special Agent.

This applicant is 23 years of age and is a native and resident of South Carolina. He has an LL B degree from the University of South Carolina.

Letters of endorsement are on file for applicant from Congressman Gasque and Senator Smith, both of South Carolina.

His experience is shown by him as having been associated with the law firm of Willcox and Hardee at Timmons ville, S. C., commencing January 22, 1925. He has also been engaged in making adjustments on fire losses for various insurance companies.

Mr. Fred L. Willcox, of Florence, S. C., a member of the law firm of Willcox & Hardee, states that he has known applicant since childhood and he comes from one of the best families in the state; that he considers him above the average young lawyer in intelligence; that he is honest and liked by everyone, but does not believe that he was cut out for a money maker, although he is industrious and ambitious. 7489

Messrs. Hardee, Fulton, Davis, Sharkey and Royal, attorneys of Florence, S. C., all men of high standing in their community, spoke in the highest terms of applicant, as did other persons of Florence, S. C.

Mr. J. H. McSween, of Timmons ville, S. C., endorsed applicant as did Mr. Douglas McKay, of the State Board of Law Examiners for South Carolina, who stated he was level headed, intelligent, <sup>RECORDED & INDEXED</sup> industrious, but not exceptionally brilliant.

Citizens of Timmons ville spoke highly of him, as did the Dean of the Columbia Law School, of South Carolina.

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Melvin H. Purvis, Jr., applicant.

Mr. N. H. Clarkson, of W. H. Clarkson & Co., Insurance Adjusters, of Columbia, S. C., stated that applicant worked for him in adjusting claims in the vicinity of Florence, S. C. He states that although applicant may not be hard boiled enough to get the utmost dollar for the insurance company in a settlement, he is absolutely honest and dependable.

The investigating agent interviewing applicant states he believes him to be a young man of good character, good intelligence and manner and that he can be developed into a good Agent.

Applicant is 23 years of age. He called at this office several weeks ago with the Secretary to Senator Smith and the Secretary to Congressman Gasque. He was interviewed by the writer at that time and I thoroughly explained to him that he could not work in South Carolina; that it would be necessary for him to be a good distance away from his home, that he could not return home, etc., and he stated that such procedure would be entirely agreeable to him.

I was favorably impressed with this applicant and although he is slightly below the age limit, I recommend favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be the initials 'JH' or similar, written in a cursive style.

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Florence, S. C., January 27th, 1927.



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Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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Re: LCS:FRS,

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Dear Sir:-

I wish to thank you for your letter of the 24th instant, which was received in due time.

I have taken advantage of the option expressed in the last paragraph of your letter, and have had my private physician, Dr. James C. McLeod, make an examination of me, and I am enclosing herewith his report thereon, which I trust will meet with your approval.

If any further information is required, please advise.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

*Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.*  
Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.,

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THE FLORENCE INFIRMARY

1-13 WEST CHEVES STREET  
FLORENCE, S. C.

Jan. 27. 1927.

Department of Justice,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have this day examined Mr. Melvin Purvis and find him in most excellent physical condition. He has always been quite healthy and his present examination attests to this fact. His eyes, ears, nose, throat, teeth are absolutely negative. His blood pressure is 115g/75D. His heart is negative on examination, the rate, rhythm and force being of good quality. His lungs are likewise negative, there being vesicular breathing throughout. His abdomen is negative throughout. There are no signs of any appearing hernia. His reflexes and glandular system are negative. His hemoglobin is 95% and his urine absolutely negative.

He is one hundred per cent risk for any duty he may be called on to perform in the line of work he anticipates.

Very truly yours,

JAN 18 1927

*James McLeod*

James McLeod, M. D.

Attending Surgeon.

67-1484-12

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January 28, 1927.

Hon. A. H. Casque,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:-

It is with pleasure that I can advise you that Mr. Melvin H. Purvis, Jr., about whom you wrote me on December 20th, 1926, has been appointed as a Special Agent of the Bureau of Investigation.

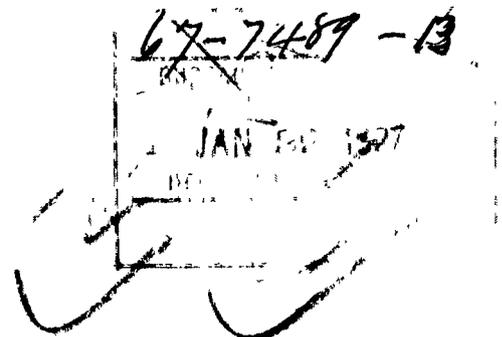
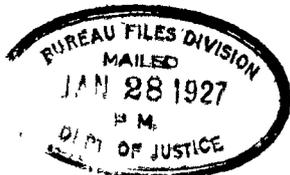
With expressions of my best regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Director.

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January 27, 1927.

Hon. E. D. Smith,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:-

It is with pleasure that I can advise you that Mr. Melvin H. Purvis, Jr., of Timmons-ville, S. D., has been appointed as a Special Agent.

With expressions of my best regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

January 29, 1927.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.,

My dear Mr. Hoover:-

I am in receipt of your letter of January 28th with regards to Mr. Melvin H. Purvis, Jr. I want to assure you that I appreciate your kindness in this more than I can tell you, also want to state that I think you have secured a valuable man in the Department and one which I expect to hear more from.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*A. H. Gasque*

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January 24, 1927.

**Memorandum for the Appointment Clerk:**

You will please prepare a letter appointing Mr. Melvin H. Purvis, Jr., as a Special Agent in the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, salary at the rate of \$2700 per annum, CAF-8, and \$4.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence and actual expenses of travel and operation when absent from official headquarters which are fixed temporarily at Atlanta, Georgia, payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes"—FIELD. Effective with entry on duty.

Director.

Approved:

Assistant Attorney General.

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January 25, 1927.

Mr. Melvin H. Purvis,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:

You are hereby appointed a Special Agent of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, with salary at the rate of \$2700 per annum, in grade CAF-8. You will also be allowed your actual expenses of travel and operation and \$4.00 a day in lieu of subsistence when absent from official headquarters, which are fixed temporarily at Atlanta, Georgia, and, following your general assignment, your headquarters will be fixed from time to time at such places as may be deemed advisable by the Director of the Bureau of Investigation, under whose supervision and instructions you will be employed.

Your salary, expenses, and per diem will be paid from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes".

This appointment will take effect when you enter on duty.

This letter is not to be considered as operating credentials and is not to be so used. Operating credentials are issued separately.

Respectfully,

Attorney General,

NO 11457

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YOUR LETTER JAN 29TH L C S EPB ELCSURE 84290 WILL ACCEPT

WILL GO ATLANTA FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

MELVIN H. PURVIS JR.

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January 29, 1927.

Mr. Melvin H. Parvin,  
Timmonsville, S. C.

Dear Sir:-

There is enclosed herewith a letter notifying you of your appointment as a Special Agent in the Bureau of Investigation of this Department, with salary at the rate of \$2700 per annum, \$125.00. You will also be allowed your actual expenses of travel and operation and \$4.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence when absent from official headquarters, which are fixed temporarily at Atlanta, Ga., and following your general assignment will be fixed from time to time at such places as may be deemed advisable.

This appointment is tendered to you for a probationary period of three months with the understanding that if your services are satisfactory at the end of that period the appointment will be made permanent. It is also understood that you are to proceed on orders to any part of the country that the exigencies of the service may require. You should notify this office at once if the appointment is accepted by you. If not accepted in one week time it will be cancelled.

Should you accept, please report to Special Agent in Charge L. J. Baley, Bureau of Investigation, Federal Building, Atlanta, not later than February 7, 1927, for oath of office and transportation to Dallas, Texas, where you will report to Special Agent in Charge, J. A. Gennan, Post Office Building, for general assignment.

You should arrange your personal matters, before accepting the appointment, so that you will be able to accept assignment to any part of the country.

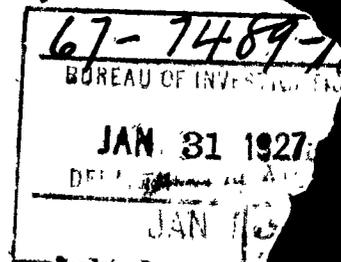
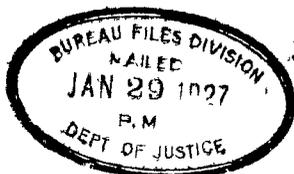
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Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #84290



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COMMITTEE ON  
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Washington, D.C.  
February 2, 1927.

MABELLE J. TALBERT, CLERK

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to thank you for your letter of recent date advising that you had appointed my constituent, Mr. Melvin H. Purvis, of Timmons ville, S.C., as a Special Agent. I am gratified to know that you have given Young Purvis an opportunity and I feel sure he will prove a valuable man in your service.

Very truly yours,

*E. Smith*

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(Date) February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1927.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to my attention that I may be appointed a Special Agent in the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice.

I have been informed by the Bureau's representative here that if appointed I must understand unequivocally that I am to be sent to whatever part of continental United States the exigencies of the Bureau's work may require; that my headquarters will be placed in some jurisdiction other than that in which I have resided heretofore; that my headquarters may be changed and that I may be shifted from one section of the country to another as the work of the Bureau may increase or decrease in various sections of the country, or as conditions, special or otherwise, may appear to require.

I desire to inform you that I fully understand all of the foregoing; that such conditions are perfectly agreeable to me and that it is upon this understanding solely that I will accept the appointment, agreeing to abide by each and every one of the conditions specified in the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

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(Signed) Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.

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Atlanta, Georgia  
Feb. 4, 1927.



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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

FEB 8 1927

Dear Sir:- Attention Division No. 15.

Referring to your letter of Jan. 29th, 1927, LCS:EPB, I beg to advise you that Melvin H. Purvis, Jr., of Timmonsville, S. C. reported here this morning, and expressed himself as being ready to enter on duty as a Special Agent.

The letter attached hereto which accompanied your letter was given to him and explained fully. He says he understands what is expected of him, and is ready to comply with any instructions. He signed the letter and it is attached hereto. He took the Oath of Office and that also is attached hereto. He was furnished with transportation to Dallas and is leaving here this afternoon to report to the Special Agent in Charge (G. A. Genau) of that office for assignment.

Very respectfully

*BL*

*Lewis J. Baley*  
Lewis J. Baley  
Special Agent in Charge.

*W.D.*  
*2-4-27*

4th

JAN 13 1927

*2 copy for*

LCS:WJ

February 8, 1927.

Mr. J. A. Genau,  
P.O. Box 91,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

It is desired that you advise at your earliest convenience the station or stations where Agent M. H. Purvis, now attached to your office, would prefer general assignment.

It is understood that this information is for the reference of the Bureau only, to be considered when the exigencies and best interests of the service permit and that no assurance whatsoever can be given that favorable action will be taken upon the preference stated.

It is also desired that you advise if Agent Purvis possesses stenographic qualification to a degree enabling him to take dictation at the rate of 60 words a minute and to transcribe same accurately.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 91



Dallas, Texas.  
February 11, 1927.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

(Attention Div. #5)

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant, initialed LCS:JJ, asking to be advised as to the station or stations where Agent M. H. Purvis, Jr., would prefer to be assigned, received.

Agent Purvis informs me that his preference for general assignment in the order named would be: Atlanta, Ga., Washington, D. C., Norfolk, Va., New York City.

Relative to stenographic qualifications of Agent Purvis, he advises he has not had special training along this line.

Will you kindly have Agent Purvis' credentials forwarded to this office. He is handicapped in his work as a new agent without commission card, badge or other credentials.

Very Respectfully,

E. J. Geehan, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

*Presumably  
sent - 2/10/27  
EJG*

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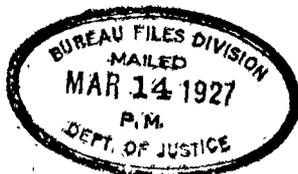
Mr. W. D. Belling,  
P.O. Box 91,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau notes that to date you have not furnished your thirty day efficiency statement concerning Special Agent E. H. Purvis, who reported to your office for assignment on February 6, 1927. Please advise me as to your estimate of this Agent's qualifications at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Director.



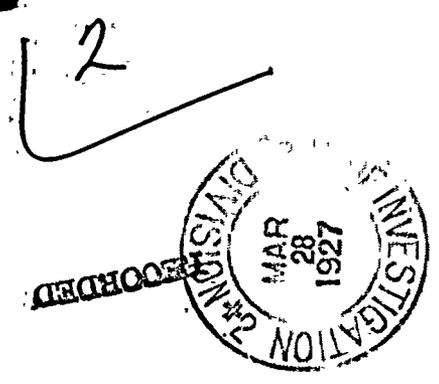
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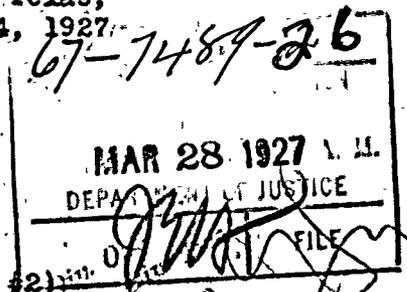
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P. O. Box #91,  
308 Postoffice Bldg.



Dallas, Texas,  
March 24, 1927



*30 day*  
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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

(Attention: Division #2)  
Re: Special Agent Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to your letter of March 14 regarding the efficiency statement of Special Agent Purvis.

Special Agent Purvis reported to this office February 6, 1927 and I did not take charge of the office until February 24, at which time Agent Purvis was in Arkansas working with Special Agent W. E. Miller.

As soon as he had completed the work he was sent on, I had him return to Dallas where I paid strict attention to his work and ability.

Agent Purvis is intelligent and willing, and has a good conception of the work in the Bureau and I believe that in a short while he will develop into an Agent that will be a credit to the Bureau.

Agent Purvis has a very pleasing personality, is well educated and pays a great deal of attention to the details of an investigation, and I feel sure he will make a competent Agent. His efficiency rating sheet will be forwarded with the other ratings, which will go out within the next few days.

Very respectfully yours,

*WDB*

*W. D. Bolling*  
W. D. Bolling,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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WDB:MPW

# Department of Justice

## Bureau of Investigation

Dallas, Texas  
March 17, 1927.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As requested in S. A. C. Letter # 728, dated March 7, 1927, I beg to advise that since filing my application, the following changes have occurred in my status in the five particulars mentioned in that

S. A. C. Letter:

- (a) Marital Status Unmarried.
- (b) Names of Societies or Organizations with which connected Kappa Alpha, (Southern) Order.
- (c) Legal Residence Timmons ville, S. C.
- (d) Education LL.B. Degree, University of South Carolina.
- (e) Offices Preferred Atlanta, Ga. or Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

*Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.*  
Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.  
Special Agent.

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**EFFICIENCY RATING SHEET**

(FIELD)

Date April 1, 1927.

NAME Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.

POSITION Special Agent

APPOINTED OR EMPLOYED January, 1927

OFFICE Dallas, Texas

M.O.D. February 6, 1927.

CHARACTERISTICS

1. Accuracy	1 1 1 <sup>4</sup> 1 1	11. Loyalty	1 1 1 1 <sup>5</sup> 1
2. Aggressiveness	1 1 1 1 <sup>4</sup> 1	12. Office Work	1 1 1 1 <sup>4</sup> 1
3. Dependability	1 1 1 1 <sup>5</sup> 1	13. Promptness	1 1 1 1 <sup>5</sup> 1
4. Health	1 1 1 1 <sup>5</sup> 1	14. Resourcefulness	1 1 1 1 <sup>4</sup> 1
5. Industry	1 1 1 1 <sup>5</sup> 1	15. Tact	1 1 1 1 <sup>4</sup> 1
6. Initiative	1 1 1 1 <sup>4</sup> 1	16. Team Work	1 1 1 1 <sup>5</sup> 1
7. Judgment	1 1 1 1 <sup>4</sup> 1	17. Personal Appearance	1 1 1 1 <sup>5</sup> 1
8. Speed	1 1 1 1 <sup>4</sup> 1	18. Executive Ability	1 1 1 1 <sup>3 1/2</sup> 1
9. Knowledge	1 1 1 1 <sup>3 1/2</sup> 1	19. Habits	1 1 1 1 <sup>5</sup> 1
10. Leadership	1 1 1 1 <sup>4</sup> 1	20. Attitude toward work	1 1 1 1 <sup>5</sup> 1

TOTAL RATINGS: 88

**REMARKS:** New man in the service. Is industrious, intelligent and a very pleasing personality. He is fast developing into a valuable man and believe that he will be a credit to the Bureau.

*M. H. Purvis, Jr.*  
Special Agent in Charge.

*File  
JES*

(2)

1308 Dallas National Bank Building.  
P. O. Box #1527.

DALLAS TEXAS  
MAY 18 1927

Dallas, Texas,  
May 18, 1927.

Mr. J. H. Daly,  
Wall Street Station 70,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Re: M. H. Purvis, Jr., Special Agent.

Attached hereto find personnel file of Special Agent, M. H. Purvis, Jr., who left Dallas May 17, 1927 for New York as per instructions from the Director.

Agent Purvis arrived at Dallas February 6, 1927 immediately after his appointment, and has done some exceptionally good work.

Agent Purvis is thoroughly reliable and is a conscientious worker. I believe you will have no difficulty with the ordinary assignment which you may give him. He has a good knowledge of evidence, and takes a keen interest in the legal aspects of a case.

Yours very truly,

W. D. Bolling,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WDB-IS.  
CC-Dir.

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Postoffice Box #70  
Wall Street Station  
New York City.

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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Attention: Division #5.

Re: Special Agent Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.  
Efficiency Statement.

INVESTIGATION

Special Agent M. H. Purvis, Jr., has been on duty at this office for a period of thirty days and in conformity with instructions, I beg leave to submit herewith my impression of him as an Agent, which opinion is based upon my observation of his work during the period specified.

I find him to be thoroughly alert, willing and very much interested in his work. He evidences the possession of a good education and creates a favorable impression from his personal approach. His work thus far has been satisfactory and there is little doubt that it will continue to be so.

Very truly yours,

*F. X. O'Donnell*

F. X. O'DONNELL  
Acting Agent in Charge.

FXO'D-McK.

*Noted  
A.*

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June 23, 1927.

Mr. J. H. Daly,  
P. O. Box 70,  
Wall Street Station,  
New York, N. Y.

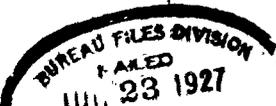
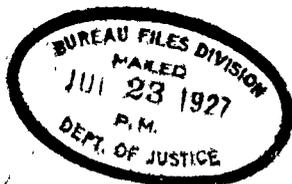
Dear Sir:

Special Agent Melvin Purvis is hereby designated to receive Anti-Trust training and you are requested to give attention to the matter in accordance with SAC Letter VE1 and instructions outlined in previous letters similarly designating other agents.

The proper notation should be made in the personnel file of this agent in order that these instructions may remain in effect wherever he is stationed.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

P. O. BOX 70 WALL STREET STATION  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

As requested in S. A. C. Letter #728,  
dated March 7, 1927, I beg to advise that since  
filing my application, the following changes  
have occurred in my status in the five particu-  
lars mentioned in that S. A. C. Letter:

- (a) Marital Status Unmarried.
- (b) Names of Societies or Organizations  
with which connected Kappa Alpha,  
(Southern Order)
- (c) Legal Residence Timmons ville, S. C.
- (d) Education LL.B. University of South Carolina.
- (e) Office Preference Norfolk, Va., Atlanta, Ga. New York, N. Y.

Respectfully,

*Melvin H. Purvis* RECORDED

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Bureau of Investigation

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Norfolk, Va.  
P. O. Box 452

August 20, 1927

J. E. Hoover, Director  
Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

30 day



Dear Sir:

Herewith please find Efficiency rating as to Special Agent Melvin H. Purvis, Jr., who has been on duty at this Office for a period of one month August 18, 1927.

Very truly yours,

*G. H. Hennegar*

G. H. HENNEGAR  
Special Agent in Charge

GHH:P

*copy  
Mr  
[Signature]*

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**EFFICIENCY RATING SHEET  
(FIELD)**

Date August 18, 1927

NAME MELVIN H. PURVIS

POSITION SPECIAL AGENT

APPOINTED OR EMPLOYED

OFFICE NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

E.O.D. JULY 18, 1927

CHARACTERISTICS

1. Accuracy	1 1 1 1 1	11. Loyalty	1 1 1 1 1
2. Aggressiveness	1 1 1 1 1	12. Office Work	1 1 1 1 1
3. Dependability	1 1 1 1 1	13. Promptness	1 1 1 1 1
4. Health	1 1 1 1 1	14. Resourcefulness	1 1 1 1 1
5. Industry	1 1 1 1 1	15. Tact	1 1 1 1 1
6. Initiative	1 1 1 1 1	16. Team Work	1 1 1 1 1
7. Judgement	1 1 1 1 1	17. Personal Appearance	1 1 1 1 1
8. Speed	1 1 1 1 1	18. Executive Ability	1 1 1 1 1
9. Knowledge	1 1 1 1 1	19. Habits	1 1 1 1 1
10. Leadership	1 1 1 1 1	20. Attitude toward work	1 1 1 1 1

TOTAL RATING: *92%*

REMARKS: For the short period that Agent has been in the service has a remarkable knowledge of the work and what is required of an Agent. Well versed in law and evidence. With further experience in my opinion will make a valuable addition to the service. If possible for increase at this time will recommend same.

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JAN 18 1927

P.O. Box 452,  
Norfolk, Va.

August 9, 1917.

Mr. J. E. Hoover,  
Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

**PERSONAL**

Dear Sir:

A telegram was received this date for Special Agent Melvin H. Purvis, Jr., stating his Mother was seriously ill and for him to come home at once. I accordingly reached Agent Purvis at Roanoke, Va. and directed him to proceed to his home at Timmonsville, S.C.

I am now in receipt of a telegram to the effect that his Mother died and I am attempting to reach Agent Purvis before his departure from Roanoke.

Very truly yours,

G. E. HENNEGAR  
Special Agent in Charge.

GHH:ES

JAN 18 1917

Norfolk, Va.  
August 24, 1927.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I desire to thank  
you for your kind note of  
sympathy when my mother  
died - It was indeed good of  
you and I cannot tell  
you how much I appreciate  
it.

Sincerely  
Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.

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October 1, 1927.

Memorandum for the Appointment Clerk:

You will please prepare a letter increasing the salary of Special Agent M. H. Purvis, Jr. from saf-8, \$2700 per annum to saf-9, \$3200 per annum, payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes", F.I.C.D. Effective today.

Director.

Approved:

Assistant Attorney General.

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# EFFICIENCY RATING SHEET

(FIELD)

Office submitting Washington, D.C.

Date submitted September 30, 1927.

Name M.H. Purvis Position Special Agent

Entered Bureau Service (date) Feb. 4th, 1927.

Entered on duty this office (date) (not assigned to Washington Field Office)

Grade CAF 8 Salary \$2700.00

## CHARACTERISTICS

Accuracy .....	?	Initiative .....	?	Loyalty .....	100	Teamwork .....	?
Aggressiveness .....	?	Judgment .....	?	Office work .....	?	Personal appearance .....	100
Dependability .....	?	Speed .....	?	Promptness .....	100	Executive ability .....	?
Health .....	95	Knowledge .....	80	Resourcefulness .....	?	Habits .....	?
Industry .....	95	Leadership .....	?	Tact .....	95	Attitude toward work .....	100

RATING ?

### REMARKS:

I do not feel qualified to submit an accurate efficiency rating sheet on Agent Purvis. For about one month he has been assigned to Special Agent Perry Watzman for instruction in Anti-trust work, and during that time has been absent on special assignments with Agent Watzman. I have talked with him on a few occasions when he and Agent Watzman have dropped into the field office to submit their reports. I think his appearance is very good and he seems to be energetic and desirous of learning the work to which he has been assigned. Division # 3 of the Bureau and the Norfolk Bureau Office are in a better position to pass on Agent Purvis than I.

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*[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 468,  
Norfolk, Va.

September 2, 1927

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention Division Five.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find personal history  
forms properly filled in by Agent F.M. Hickey, Melvin H.  
Fulvis, Jr. and Melton C. Smith

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli  
Acting Agent in Charge

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October 1, 1927.

Mr. M. H. Purvis, Jr.,  
Bureau of Investigation.

Sir:

Your salary as Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, is hereby increased from \$2700 per annum, in grade Caf-8, to \$2800 per annum, in the same grade, effective today.

Respectfully,

(Attached) J. Edgar Hoover,  
Attorney General.

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October 25, 1927.

Mr. M. H. Purvis, Jr.,  
P. O. Box 452,  
Norfolk, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

It is with pleasure that I am enclosing herewith the letter of the Attorney General advising you of your promotion from \$2,700 to \$2,800 per annum, effective October 1, 1927.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

Director.

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# Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

306 Federal Bldg.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

November 2, 1927

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 25, 1927, enclosing a letter from the Attorney General dated October 1, 1927, and in which you advised an increase in salary from \$2700.00 to \$2800.00 per annum.

I desire to thank you very much for this and assure you that same is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.*

Melvin H. Purvis, Jr. **COORDINATED INDEX**

Special Agent.

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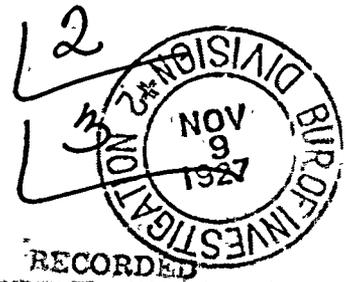
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# Department of Justice

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306 Federal Bldg.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.



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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Division No. 3.

Dear Sir:

Re: Special Agent M. H. Purvis, Jr.

I desire to submit my report on the progress of the above named Agent, who is accompanying me in anti-trust investigations.

Since my last report herein, Mr. Purvis has accompanied me in the investigation of the Buffalo Film Board of Trade. During that investigation, I gave him assignments to be handled alone in the way of interviewing various exhibitors and exchange managers, which assignments he handled satisfactorily. These interviews have been noted in my investigative reports as having been made by Agent Purvis.

Since arriving in Minneapolis, we have been engaged in investigating the Minneapolis Film Board of Trade, and the Booking Circuit situation in this vicinity.

In order to overcome the tendency, which I believe is natural to Agents newly assigned to this work, namely, to become too dependent on the Agents to whom they are assigned, I have allowed Mr. Purvis to acquire more concrete experience in doing the principal work of interviewing the secretary and examining the minutes and files of the Minneapolis Film Board of Trade. Of course, I have kept close supervision over this work taking care to see that the ground has been covered as thoroughly as possible. I am also having him work directly on the preparation of the report on the Film Board of Trade.

Mr. Purvis' progress is satisfactory, and as far as it appears to me at present, there should not be any question of his ability to handle such cases. In this connection, I am particularly coaching him to be persistent and thorough as I believe these qualities to be of prime importance.

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As noted I already consider him sufficiently experienced to handle certain angles alone, though under supervision. Of course the experience which he has attained thus far is still in an elementary state, as he has not yet been confronted with a sufficient number of varied situations. I believe his future usefulness herein will naturally be augmented by additional experience which he will acquire from time to time in handling the different types of cases which occur.

It is noted that from now on the situations which Mr. Purvis will encounter in the present investigation will be along the same general lines which have already been covered. It has occurred to me, without deviating from my previous suggestion of allowing him, if possible, to continue throughout the entire case, that it should be greatly beneficial to one in his situation to obtain the benefit of coaching from more than one experienced Agent. Such arrangement may be possible, because of the number of Agents who are working on the present case.

No two Agents in this work have the same line of approach and the same ideas therein, and it occurs to me that wherever possible the new Agent should have the benefit of working with several experienced ones, so as to avoid the possibility of getting a too narrow conception. I believe that it is fairer to the new Agent to have more than one person observe and pass on his merits before he is allowed to make investigations of this nature independently.

We are expecting to be completed here the latter part of this week, and to then proceed to Chicago, Ill., for investigation of the Film Board of Trade and other matters at that point, unless instructions are received to the contrary.

Respectfully,

  
PERRY WATZMAN  
Special Agent.

306 Federal Bldg.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

November 7th, 1927.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
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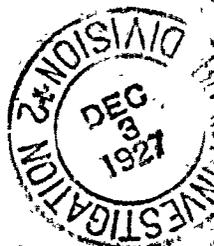
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# Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation  
Box 70, Wall St. Station,  
New York, N.Y.

December, 2nd, 1927..

DIRECTOR, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.



Dear sir:-

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - to Mr. Hughes.

In conformity with your suggestion I beg to submit herewith my confidential opinion of the work and capabilities of Mr. MELVIN PURVIS, who was, on November, 2nd, 1927, assigned to work under my direction on the "SWIFT & COMPANY- WILSON AND CO., et.al., Fat Rendering Case, for the purpose of breaking in on trust work.

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Further and more close association with him will of course enable me to judge more fully of his qualifications for trust work.

Yours very truly, DEC 6 1927

John A. Brann,  
Special agent. Div. Three

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John A. Brann,  
Special Agent.

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November 25, 1927.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HUGHES.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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(Original carbon filed in Rhodes' Personnel file)

## SPECIAL AGENT M. H. FURVIS

This Agent, as stated previously in this report, was assisting Agent Watson at Buffalo, and on the morning of this inspection he did not report at this office until 9:15. I asked him the reason why, and he told me that he had called at the Theatre Utilities Service Co., and when he was asked when he interviewed there, he stated that he did not see anyone as they had not opened up, so he came back to the office.

This man has a very good appearance, is quick, active, and intelligent, and I am inclined to believe what he told me as to why he reported at 9:15, but I instructed him that hereafter he should report to the Bureau Office before unless he first takes it up with the Agent in Charge of the local office.

Report of Inspector Egan  
Buffalo, N. Y., Bureau Office

Nov. 2, 1937.

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New York, N. Y.  
February 15, 1928.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

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Yours very truly

*Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.*  
Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.  
Special Agent.

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New York, N. Y.  
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Bureau of Investigation,  
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JAN 13 1928

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December 22nd, 1927.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR:

Replying to your memorandum of the 19th inst., with regard to Special Agents Wilson and Purvis, you are advised that when the report of Agent Brann concerning the qualifications of Agent Wilson for antitrust work was received, it was felt that Agent Wilson should not be assigned to an antitrust case alone. However, in view of the fact that he had completed his work at New York, and there were a number of so-called leads on pending trust cases in various offices in the Eastern section of the country, Wilson was directed to proceed to Detroit and take up several such leads at that office. Agent Wileox recently stated that the work there would require Wilson's presence about four weeks. That would take him up until about the second week in January, and I will keep in touch with the situation and notify you of the exact date of his release, so that he may be placed back on general assignment.

With regard to Special Agent Purvis, I beg to advise that upon receipt of the original advice from you that you desired to use Agent Purvis at Washington, I communicated with the New York office and ascertained that Purvis was engaged on the so-called FAT RENDERING anti-trust case, which was considered by the Special Assistants to be quite an important matter, and to which Agent Brann had been originally assigned, but was withdrawn for the purpose of taking up the so-called urgent QUININE case. I instructed Acting Special Agent in Charge O'Donnell at that time to advise me the moment that Purvis could be released, and also to advise me when Brann had completed the Quinine case, so that he could resume the investigation of the Fat Rendering matter, and permit the release of Agent Purvis. Upon receipt of your memorandum of the 19th I again communicated with the New York office by telephone and learned that Purvis had gone on annual leave until the end of the year. I was quite surprised at this news, and inasmuch as Agent McKean knew nothing of the arrangements I had made with Agent O'Donnell, I talked with Special Agent Brann and Brann stated that while he understood that we desired to have Purvis released, his application for leave had been approved by this office some time before,

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and in view of the fact that it was practically impossible to obtain satisfactory interviews with the butchers of New York at this season, it was felt that Purvis might take his leave without materially delaying the investigation. I found by referring to the records that Purvis had applied for this leave in October, and the same was conditionally granted to him on November 2nd. It was some time subsequent to this date that the New York office was instructed to obtain his release at the earliest practicable date and to expedite his investigation, and I felt that the telephonic instructions to that office certainly were sufficiently explicit and urgent to put that office on notice that Agent Purvis was to have no annual leave until the assignment was completed, or at least until this office had been further consulted. As the matter stands perhaps the release of Purvis has not been materially postponed by his taking leave of absence, and I am advised by Agent Brann that it will be necessary for Agent Purvis to remain another month at New York after his return the first of the year in order to complete the Pat Rendering case. Agent Brann stated that he (Brann) will be engaged on the Quisine case for at least two months longer.

Respectfully,

**Agents Designated to Receive Anti-Trust Training.**

F. D. Douglas  
H. J. Mason  
T. C. Melvin  
H. E. Hollis  
✓ M. H. Purvis  
J. M. McGrath

From Memo to Director 12/12/27 filed 67-0-445

VWE:ES

November 29, 1927.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR:

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Since the receipt of your memorandum of the 25th instant advising of your desire that arrangements be made to release Agents Rhodes and Purvis from Anti-Trust work at the earliest practicable date, I have been endeavoring to ascertain just when these Agents may be released from their present assignments without detriment thereto.

I have learned from Agent O'Donnell at New York that Agent Purvis, who is engaged on the Fat Rendering Anti-Trust case, has considerable further work to do on that matter and it is impracticable for him to give an estimate of any accuracy as to the approximate additional time needed to complete the matter. I have in mind, however, that when Agent Brann is released from the Quinine investigation, which was given priority as an urgent matter, he will return to the Fat Rendering case, on which he was working at the time the Quinine matter developed, and Agent Purvis may then be withdrawn from New York. I expect that the Quinine investigation will continue for several weeks at least.

With regard to Agent Rhodes, I beg to advise that he is engaged at Chicago on the Motion Picture Investigation. Some time past, he estimated that if allowed only the help then available to him, that of trainee Hollis, the same would probably require his attention for three or four months. Since that time, additional Agents have been assigned to the matter at Chicago and I have written Agent Blackmon instructing him to obtain a revised estimate from Agent Rhodes as to the expected duration of his assignment. I will, of course, advise you further when I hear from Agent Blackmon on this point and will further advise you from time to time of the progress of the case on which these Agents are engaged.

Respectfully,

*Handwritten notes:*  
Blackmon  
Rhodes

*Handwritten initials:*  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

November 25, 1927.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HUGHES

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Very truly yours,

*J. E. H.*  
Director.

*Call M. M. re Purvis*  
*Hammer*  
*Watson*

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Department of Justice  
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P.O. Box 1375  
Charlotte, N.C.

March 21, 1928

Director  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Attention Division Five

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a wire from Special Agent in Charge McKean, of the New York City Office, requesting that I forward the personnel file of Special Agent Melvin H. Purvis, formerly of the Norfolk Office, to the New York City Office, where Agent Purvis is now assigned. At the time Agent Purvis was assigned to Anti-Trust work some few months ago, I forwarded the personnel file to the Bureau at Washington, D.C., and, accordingly, I would thank you to re-forward same to the New York City Office, in order that it might be in the possession of the Agent in Charge at that place.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vetterli*

R. E. VETTERLI  
Special Agent in Charge

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## SPECIAL AGENT M. H. FURVIS

181-26-69

This Agent entered on duty about a year ago, is an attorney, 24 years old, and is now assigned to Antitrust work under Brann. The first morning I was at New York this Agent reported late for duty and I wrote a separate memorandum relative to his attitude, and for your further information, on that morning Miss Friedberg and Miss Lepin were also late. They both preceded this Agent into the office of the Acting Agent in Charge where the register is maintained. One of the girls registered 9:01 A. M., and the other one 9:02 A. M., but this Agent put down 9:50 A. M. This man needs some supervision.

At the time of my last inspection at Buffalo, this man was reported late, but I was of the opinion that Agent Wetman was to blame. For your information I quote my report on this man made on November 2, 1927 on the Buffalo office:

"This Agent, has stated previously in this report, was assigned to Agent Wetman at Buffalo, and on the morning of this inspection he did not report at this office until 9:15 A. M. I asked him the reason why, and he told me that he called at the Theatre Utilities Service Co., and when he was asked whom he interviewed there, he stated that he did not see anyone as they had not opened up, so he came back to the office.

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Report of Inspector Egan  
New York City Bureau Office

February 26, 1928.

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Post Office Box #70  
Wall Street Station  
New York, New York

February 15, 1928

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Att: DIVISION #1

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find leave of absence slips for the following employees: Mary Friedberg, Evelyn Lapin, A.E. Badert, H.J.A. Hughes, J.R. Espinosa and Melvin H. Purvis, Jr., together with many and varied explanations of the reasons why they did not report on time.

Two of the above, Agent Purvis and Accountant Espinosa registered 9 o'clock instead of 9:02 and 9:05 respectively, which was called to their attention.

Agent Purvis desired to put his leave of absence slips in under protest as he claimed that his watch showed 8:58 when he arrived. However, he did not do this, but I told him that he was at perfect liberty to do so.

Accountant Espinosa, when asked for his reason for signing the register 9 o'clock when he arrived at 9:05, explained that he arrived so close to 9 o'clock that he did not care to split the seconds. I asked to see his watch and compared the same with mine which I had set by Western Union before coming to the office. His watch was exactly the same as mine. In other words, this was just an excuse on the part of this Accountant for not having signed the register correctly. He also informed me during this conversation that he did not think it was right that the Bureau should demand an hour's annual leave when an employee was a few minutes late. He was told that this was a rule of the Bureau, which rule had to be obeyed by all and if he was not satisfied with our rules he was at perfect liberty to take the same up with you and I told him that his attitude was entirely wrong in the matter.

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Director,

February 15, 1928

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An hour and a half later when Accountant Espinosa handed me the leave slips he stated that he did not mean exactly what he said but that it would not make any difference, being charged with the hour's leave, as he never did receive all of his leave anyway. This man's attitude is not exactly right and he should receive close supervision until such time as it is determined whether or not he is breaking other rules of the Bureau which he does not believe are fair rules.

Respectfully,

J.S. EGAN,  
Inspector

Encls.

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ENCLOSURE

February 26, 1928.

Mr. Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.,  
P. O. Box 70,  
Wall Street Station,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

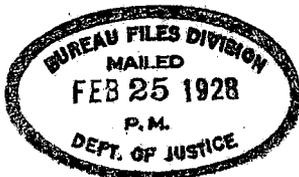
The Bureau is in receipt of report to the effect that you were late in reporting for duty at the New York office on February 15, 1928.

The Bureau notes the submission of a request for annual leave therefor, which has been approved.

Please be advised that a copy of this communication is being placed in your personnel file for future consideration.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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# Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Post Office Box #70  
Wall Street Station  
New York, N. Y.

McK-S.

March 26, 1928.

Director  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of  
the 24th instant, transmitting personnel file of  
Special Agent Melvin H. Purvis,<sup>0</sup> recently transferred  
to this office.

Very truly yours,



C. D. McKean  
Special Agent in Charge.

C. C. to  
Charlotte Office.

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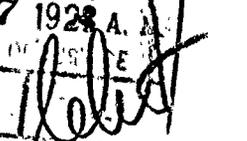
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Mr. C. D. McKean,  
P. O. Box 70,  
Wall Street Station,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

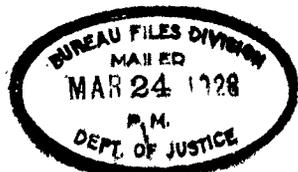
The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli of the Charlotte Office, advising that you had wired for the personnel file of Special Agent Melvin H. Purvis now attached to the New York Office.

There is transmitted herewith Agent Purvis' personnel file.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 80731



MAR 24 1928  
JAN 24 1928

Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

Postoffice Box #70  
Wall Street Station  
New York City.

July 1, 1928

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Pursuant to Section 84 Page 65 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, I beg to submit herein my present status, with respect to the following particulars:

- (a) Marital status. Unmarried.
- (b) Names of societies or organizations with which connected. Kappa Alpha (Southern), a college fraternity.
- (c) Legal residence. Timmons ville, S. C.
- (d) Education, i.e. stating names of institutions and courses pursued, with degrees received, if any. Attended University of South Carolina. Received degree of LL.B. on June 10, 1925.
- (c) Offices where assignment preferred. No preference.

Very truly yours,

Melvin H. Purvis,  
Special Agent.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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# EFFICIENCY RATING SHEET

(FIELD)

Office submitting NEW YORK

Date submitted March 31, 1928

Name Melvin H. Purvis, Jr. Position Special Agent

Entered Bureau Service (date) January 25, 1927

Entered on duty this office (date) February 18, 1928

Grade CAF 8 Salary \$2800.

## CHARACTERISTICS

Accuracy	83	Initiative	83	Loyalty	100	Teamwork	83
Aggressiveness	83	Judgment	80	Office work	83	Personal appearance	95
Dependability	85	Speed	83	Promptness	80	Executive ability	75
Health	100	Knowledge	80	Resourcefulness	79	Habits	100
Industry	84	Leadership	82	Tact	83	Attitude toward work	100

RATING 86.05

## REMARKS:

The opportunity for observing the work of this agent has been very limited due to the fact that he has been engaged, since being assigned to the New York office, entirely on the investigation of the motion picture industry, anti-trust case, which is being supervised by Special Assistants to the Attorney General. However, from what I have been able to observe I would say that he is at least an average agent and entitled to the rating above given him.

XEROX  
JAN 13 1984

C. W. Ryan  
Special Agent in Charge.

File  
JPH

VNH:AV

August 29, 1928.

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Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
P. O. Box 1406,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau recently inquired of the Agent in Charge at Chicago as to the expected duration of your present assignment, advising at that time that it was contemplated that you would be removed from anti-trust work upon completion of same. The Bureau has since been informed that Mr. Bonham, Special Assistant to the Attorney General in charge of the Motion Picture case at Chicago, had been informed that you were to be withdrawn from this case upon the conclusion of your work on the Chicago Film Board of Trade. I desire that you immediately advise me whether or not you so informed Mr. Bonham, and if so, why you so informed him.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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F. B. I.  
DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
AUG 30 1928 A. M.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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J  
M. H. PURVIS

This Agent received a rating of 86.5% on the last efficiency sheets. The Agent in Charge informed me that his rating is a little bit high, that he has not had much chance to observe him, but from what observations he has been able to make of him, he has not been favorably impressed by this Agent.

This Agent was out of the city on trust work while I was at New York.

Inspection New York  
Bureau Office.

Report of J. S. Egan, Inspector,  
August 11, 1928.

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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation  
P. O. Box 1405,  
Chicago, Illinois.



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August 31, 1928.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 29, 1928, in which you request information as to whether or not I informed Mr. Benham, Special Assistant to the Attorney General in charge of the Motion Picture case at Chicago, that I was to be withdrawn from this case upon the conclusion of my work on the Chicago Film Board of Trade.

In reply, I desire to state that I did not so inform Mr. Benham.

Very truly yours,  
*Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.*  
Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.  
Special Agent.

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Div. Three	<i>[Signature]</i>
JAN 18 1984	

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Post Office Box #70  
Wall Street Station  
New York, New York

September 19 1939



Mr. M.H. Purvis,  
Post Office Box #1406,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find Personnel Classification Board Form No. 14--Field Questionnaire, which is to be executed by you as per instructions contained in Form No. 15 which is also enclosed.

Please ask Special Agent L.T. Plummer to show you Bureau Bulletin No. 22 for further information concerning the same subject matter.

Having filled in that section of the questionnaire reserved for you, please return the document to this office for completion by the Special Agent in Charge.

May I further ask that you give the matter immediate attention as a time limit of ten days has been placed upon the Agent in Charge in his return to Washington of the completed questionnaire.

Very truly yours,

FRANK X. O'DONNELL

ACTING  
F.X. O'Donnell  
Acting Agent in Charge

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Encls.  
c/c Dir. ✓

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284 XEROX  
JAN 19 1940  
[Handwritten signatures and initials]

Post Office Box #70  
Wall Street Station  
New York City.

McK:OB

October 1, 1928



Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
P. O. Box #1405,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

There is returned herewith enclosed Personnel Classification Field Questionnaire, Form #14 which has already been executed by you but to which one addition is necessary on your part.

The information supplied by you in answer to Questions 21 and 22 must be attested to as having been personally prepared by you. For this purpose an insert has been placed in the margin opposite said questions, reading as follows: "Items 21 and 22 composed and certified by". In the margin, therefore, next following said phrase, please insert your name and having done so, return the Questionnaire directly to the Bureau at Washington as you will note that all portions of said Questionnaire reserved for my signature have been previously executed by me.

Having mailed the Questionnaire to the Bureau, please advise me as to your having done so so that my records may be complete.

Very truly yours,

C. D. McKEAN

C. D. McKEAN

Special Agent in Charge

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JAN 13 1984

ENCLOSURE  
CC:DIRECTOR

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OCT 3 1928

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
OCT 2 1928 A. M.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Div. Two

October 3, 1928.

This is another Agent  
who has been engaged on Trust work.  
I believe 81.5% is correct.

*J.*

JAN 13 1929

HW:36

October 17, 1928.

Mr. D. E. Sullivan,  
A. P. Box 90,  
Wall Street Station,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

The Bureau desires to advise you that the efficiency rating submitted by you under date of September 30, 1928, on Agent Melvin H. Purvis, Jr., of 86.25% has been received. The Bureau has carefully reviewed all reports and records in its files and has deemed it appropriate that your efficiency rating be revised and that Agent Purvis be given a rating of 81.5%.

Very truly yours,

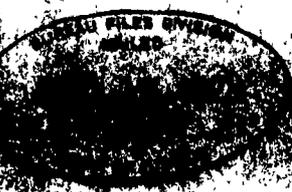
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# EFFICIENCY RATING SHEET

(FIELD)

Office submitting New York

Date submitted September 30, 1928

Name Melvin H. Purvis, Jr. Position Special Agent

Entered Bureau Service (date) January 25, 1927

Entered on duty this office (date) February 18, 1928

Grade Caf-8 Salary \$2900

### CHARACTERISTICS

Accuracy	85	Initiative	85	Loyalty	100	Teamwork	85
Aggressiveness	80	Judgment	80	Office work	85	Personal appearance	95
Dependability	85	Speed	80	Promptness	85	Executive ability	70
Health	100	Knowledge	80	Resourcefulness	80	Habits	100
Industry	85	Leadership	80	Tact	85	Attitude toward work	100

RATING 86.25

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81.5

81.5% J.E.H.

REMARKS:

Agent Purvis is another of the agents attached to the New York office who has been assigned during the past six months entirely on the investigation of the motion picture industry, the investigation of which is being supervised by Special Assistants to the Attorney General. From what I have been able to observe of his work it is my judgment that the rating set forth above fairly reflects his capabilities.

New York-10-17-28  
J.M.

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Special Agent in Charge.

CITIZEN

December 8, 1928.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CLERK:

You will please prepare the letters necessary to effect the following changes in grades and salaries in the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crime", R.F.D., effective December 1, 1928:

Name	Title	Rate	Rate
W. A. Joyce	Special Agent	CAP-9, \$2800	CAP-9, \$3000
T. D. Quinn	" "	CAP-9, \$2800	CAP-9, \$3000
G. Contello	" "	CAP-9, \$2800	CAP-9, \$3000
W. H. Klein	" "	CAP-9, \$2800	CAP-9, \$3000
W. E. Donking	" "	CAP-9, \$2800	CAP-9, \$3000
W. E. Adliss	" "	CAP-9, \$2800	CAP-9, \$3000
P. E. Maguire	" "	CAP-9, \$2800	CAP-9, \$3000
B. W. Rich	" "	CAP-9, \$2800	CAP-9, \$3000
F. C. Summers	" "	CAP-9, \$2800	CAP-9, \$3000
J. K. Fay	" "	CAP-9, \$2800	CAP-9, \$3000
A. J. Law	" "	CAP-9, \$2800	CAP-9, \$3000
T. G. Melvin	" "	CAP-9, \$2800	CAP-9, \$3000
W. A. Purvis	" "	CAP-9, \$2700	CAP-9, \$3100
R. P. Sullivan	" "	CAP-9, \$2800	CAP-9, \$3100
H. Larkin	" "	CAP-9, \$2800	CAP-9, \$3100
F. H. Hunt	" "	CAP-9, \$2800	CAP-9, \$3100
H. H. Montgomery	" "	CAP-9, \$2800	CAP-9, \$3100
R. F. Lockey	" "	CAP-10, \$3000	CAP-10, \$3200
T. F. Cullen	" "	CAP-9, \$2800	CAP-9, \$3100
L. Lohr	" "	CAP-11, \$4100	CAP-11, \$4200
G. R. Bear	" "	CAP-12, \$5000	CAP-12, \$5000
		CAP-9, \$2800	CAP-9, \$3000

Very truly yours,

Director

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 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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✓  
M. H. PURVIS - Special Agent.

This Agent is assisting Mr. Plummer on anti-trust work at Chicago, and has been in the service since February 1937. He is an attorney; 33 years of age; has no preference as to offices. He answered nine out of ten questions correctly with reference to the Manual.

In conversation with me he informed me that he would like to get an increase in salary. I referred him to the circular sent out by the Attorney General with reference to increases.

Inspection Chicago  
Bureau Office.

Report of J. S. Egan, Inspector  
October 11, 1938.

62-342-176  
JAN 13 1939

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December 1, 1983.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice.

Sir:

Your salary as Special Agent is hereby increased from \$2000.00 per annum to \$3100.00 per annum, in Grade Caf-8, effective today, and payable from the same appropriation.

Respectfully,

(signed) Jno. G. Sargent,

Attorney General.

Authority #8915

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December 13, 1928.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Harley Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

It is with pleasure that I am enclosing herewith the letter of the Attorney General advising you of your promotion from \$3,000 to \$3,100 per annum, effective December 1, 1928.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

Director.

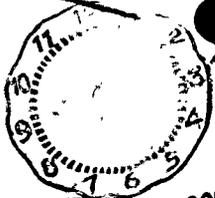
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Div. One



Charleston, S.C.  
December 19, 1928.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am indeed grateful for  
your letter dated December 13, 1928,  
in which you advise that my  
salary has been increased from  
\$3,000<sup>00</sup> to \$3,100<sup>00</sup>.

Yours very truly  
Mehin H. Purvis, Jr.  
Special Agent.

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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

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January 24, 1929.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

RE: SPECIAL AGENT M. H. PURVIS

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

During the course of my observation of this Agent he has impressed me as being intelligent, alert, loyal and well informed. He has taken hold of the general investigative work in an excellent fashion and his attitude has been unusually good.



He is possessed of snap and goes after his work aggressively. I believe he warrants observation at the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of T. F. Cullen

T. F. CULLEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent.

This agent was out of the city on trust work while I was at New York.

Received a rating of 86.25% from Agent in Charge McKeen, which rating was reduced to 81.6% by the Bureau.

The Agent in Charge was not able to pass upon his ability as an agent, but he was not favorably impressed with his contacts with him.

Report of J. S. Egan, Inspector,

December 1, 1928.

Inspection New York Office.

67-22-224-  
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From

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

To

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Attorney General .....

1-26-29

General Donovan .....

General Willebrandt .....

Mr. Tolson:

General Marshall .....

Mr. Carusi .....

Will you please prepare the necessary office memorandums designating Mr. M. H. Purvis in charge of Division Five.

Mr. Baldwin .....

Mr. Stewart .....

Mrs. Rishel .....

Director.

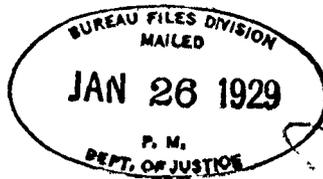
Assistant Director .....

Mr. Baughman .....

Mr. Boddie .....

Bureau Filing Section .....

Mr. Cunningham .....



Miss Gandy .....

Mr. Grimes .....

Mr. Keep .....

Mr. McKean .....

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Personnel Filing Section .....

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February 7, 1929.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PURVIS.

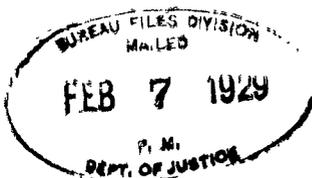
I am returning to you herewith a memorandum prepared in your Division to the Supply Division and direct your attention to the typographical error appearing therein.

Please advise me as to the identity of the person responsible for this error and why the same was not carefully checked before being sent to me for signature.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

Director.



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MHP:JMR

January 30, 1939.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE APPOINTMENT CLERK:

You will please prepare the letters necessary to effect the following changes in grades and salaries in the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes", FIELD, effective February 1, 1939:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
H. E. Conroy	Special Agent	CAP-11, \$4200	CAP-11, \$4400
F. J. Lackey	"	CAP-9, \$3100	CAP-9, \$3400
T. F. Cullen	"	CAP-12, \$4600	CAP-12, \$4800
R. P. Barruss	"	CAP-9, \$3500	CAP-10, \$3700
M. A. Joyce	"	CAP-9, \$3300	CAP-9, \$3400
J. L. Hickey	"	CAP-9, \$2900	CAP-9, \$3100
✓ M. H. Purvis	"	CAP-9, \$2100	CAP-9, \$2300

Director.

Approved:

Assistant Attorney General.

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JAN 31 1939

67-7489-57

February 1, 1929.

Mr. H. H. Purvis,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice.

Sir:

Your salary as Special Agent is hereby increased from \$3100 per annum in Grade CAF-8, to \$3200 per annum in Grade CAF-9, effective today and payable from the same appropriation.

On account of the change in grade, you should execute the required oath of office.

Respectfully,

Wm. J. Clegg, Special Agent

Authority 9291

Attorney General.

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February 8, 1929.



Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

It is with pleasure that I am enclosing herewith the letter of the Attorney General advising you of your promotion from \$3,100 per annum, in grade CAF 8, to \$3,200 per annum, in grade CAF 9, effective February 1, 1929.

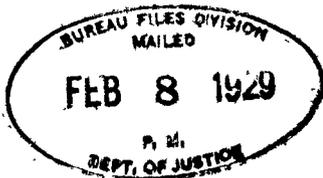
Very truly yours,

Encl.

Director.

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February 8, 1929

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

With reference to your memorandum dated February 7, 1929, in which you make inquiry as to the identity of the person responsible for the typographical error appearing in a memorandum prepared in Division 1100 to the Supply Division, please be advised that Miss Connors made this error.

I regret very much that this error was made and desire to advise you that in the future every effort will be put forth to avoid a recurrence of same, and I will exercise great care in checking matters before they are sent to you for signature.

Respectfully,

M. H. *Phelan*

67-86205-22

JAN 13 1929

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

February 18, 1929

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am indeed grateful for your letter dated February 8, 1929, in which you advise me of my promotion from \$3100.00 per annum in Grade CAF-8 to \$3200.00 per annum in Grade CAF-9.

Very truly yours,

*Melvin H. Purvis*

Melvin H. Purvis.



FEB 18 1929

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FEB 19 1929

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
JAN 19 1929  
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JAN 13 1984  
Div. One

MHP:KCC

February 14, 1929

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Referring to your memorandum dated February 13, 1929, in which you call my attention to the fact that a word was omitted in the first line of a letter addressed to Mr. Caleb Lowallen, of Cango, Kentucky, please be advised that Miss Comore made this error.

I regret that this error was made and I desire to advise you that such matters will be carefully checked in the future.

Respectfully,

M. H. PURVIS

67-8225-23

JAN 13 1929

I, M. H. Purvis, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Special Agent

on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

(Sign here) M. H. Purvis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. A. D. 1929 }  
Where born (State only) S.C. }  
Date of birth Oct. 24, 1903 }  
Whence appointed: }  
State S.C. County Florence }  
Congressional District 6<sup>th</sup> }

John C. Hill  
Notary Public

x-----x  
: SEAL :  
x-----x

Date of entry upon duty February 1, 1929.

Residence .....

JAN 13 1934

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

February 18, 1929

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Div. Two

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FEB 20 1929

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

With reference to the telephone calls received from Policeman Suthard on February 13th and 14th, relative to the damage done to the Pierce Arrow automobile on February 8th, I beg to submit the following:

At about noon on February 13th Policeman Suthard called my office and made inquiry as to whether or not we desired Police Court action in order to enforce the payment for the damage done to the Pierce Arrow. This was the first information I had received that there had been any wreck at all, and I advised Suthard that I would make inquiries and advise him what action the Bureau desired taken. He stated that he would call me back at 4:00 P.M. and that it would be better for him to call me because he would not be at the Sixth Precinct before that time. I received no call from Suthard that afternoon and no message was delivered to me that he had called.

This matter was taken up with the Washington Field Office and they advised that Special Agent Whitley was making an investigation and would submit a report thereon.

The following day, February 14th, I personally interviewed Special Agent in Charge Cullen for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the proper steps were being taken to have the car repaired. He advised me that they were and that it was his information that no criminal prosecution in the Police Courts was desired.

There is no suitable explanation for my not calling Suthard and advising him of this fact, except that there were many matters in my office at that time requiring attention, matters which I deemed of prior importance. I regret that I did not call Suthard and desire to assure you that in the future I will be more careful with regard to such matters.

Respectfully,  
M. A. Purvis

XEROX  
JAN 12 1984

JEH:NO'B

March 6, 1929.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PURVIS.

I am returning to you herewith a telegram prepared in your Division to Mr. Campana and direct your attention to the typographical error appearing in the address.

Kindly advise me as to the identity of the person responsible for this error and why the same was not carefully checked before being sent to me for signature.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

Director.

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JAN 18 1929

JRH:M'B

March 19, 1929.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PURVIS.

With reference to the attached memorandum addressed to me by Mr. Hughes, concerning mail addressed to Special Agent Miller, I know of no reason why any mail from the Bureau should have been addressed to Mr. Miller at Dallas. It is the duty of your Division to be informed at all times as to the latest address of all Bureau employees and any mail, whether it be vouchers, miscellaneous matters, or other correspondence, should be forwarded to the last given address of the Bureau employee.

Please take steps to see that the system in your office be changed so as to conform with the foregoing desire on my part.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

Director.

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MAR 19 1929  
P. M.  
DEPT. OF JUSTICE

V. L. AM

March 18, 1929.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I am in receipt of your memorandum of the 13th instant with regard to a letter which I addressed to Special Agent in Charge Colvin relative to the forwarding of mail addressed to Special Agent W. E. Miller, and I have noted your instruction that inquiry be made to determine why mail has been addressed from the Bureau to Special Agent Miller at Dallas when he was not attached to that office or located there.

In reply I beg to state that Division 5 has had the correct address of Agent Miller on files at all times and no mail has been addressed to Agent Miller at Dallas from this office. I have inquired of Mr. Purvis and while he does not have any record of mail having been addressed by his Division to Agent Miller at Dallas, he recalls some correspondence with Special Agent in Charge Colvin several weeks ago relative to the mail of Special Agents Arterberry and Miller. Mr. Purvis understands, of course, that both Division 5 and Division 7 are required to keep the current addresses of Anti-Trust Agents. However, Division 5 receives the telegram notifying of changes of addresses first, notes the change and then routes the telegram to Division 7, nevertheless, the changes are noted by both Divisions daily. Mr. Purvis tells me that it is probable that because Agent Miller appears on the list of Agents attached to the Dallas Office, his official headquarters, bulletins or other miscellaneous data may have been included for Agent Miller in the Dallas mail. He states further, however, that he will take immediate steps to see that even that practice is discontinued.

The mail which caused the letter that I addressed to Special Agent in Charge Colvin under date of March 11th, emanated from the office of the General Agent at Washington and not from the Bureau of Investigation, and was addressed to Agent Miller at Dallas because the vouchers which it concerned came from Dallas. It is plainly apparent from the treatment of this mail by Special Agent in Charge Colvin that for some reason or other the receipt of such mail at Dallas was irritating to him, and frankly, I see no reason for such irritation.

Respectfully,

7700Z  
JAN 13 1929

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March 13, 1929.

*H. C. Smith*

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HUGHES.

I have read the attached letter drafted by you to be sent to Mr. Colvin at Dallas and while I believe that Mr. Colvin's office has not properly handled the mail addressed to Mr. Miller yet I do not see why the Bureau has been forwarding mail to Dallas when the Agent is not there. I assume that most of the mail addressed to Mr. Miller has emanated either from the Third or Seventh Divisions, and certainly both of these Divisions should be in possession of Mr. Miller's address so as to be able to properly forward all mail to him.

Will you please look into this matter and advise me as to what the facts are. I do not see any reason why the address of Agents on Special Assignment should not be readily available to the Bureau so that mail may be promptly forwarded to them without being sent to the office to which they were originally attached.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

Director.

67-154-232X

JAN 13 1929

March 19, 1929.

Mr. R. H. Colvin,  
P. O. Box 1327,  
Dallas, Texas.

*X Colvin*

Dear Sir:

There has been some previous correspondence with regard to the mail of Special Agent W. E. Miller, who for some months past has been assigned to anti-trust work. You have advised that mail continues to be addressed to Dallas when you are not aware of the address of this Agent.

It has come to my attention that mail addressed to Special Agent Miller has not been given proper attention. There was a letter received in the Bureau several days ago which had been mailed to Special Agent Miller by the General Agent of the Department. Someone in your office apparently had written Bureau of Investigation in the left hand corner over the words Department of Justice, which indicated that the mail should be returned to the sender. This letter was thereafter sent to three different addresses and finally found its way back to this Bureau after three weeks' time.

For your information, the General Agent of the Department is not under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Investigation and I am advised that the letters addressed to Special Agent Miller dealt with vouchers of Agent Miller, which vouchers had been sent to the General Agent by Agent Miller from Dallas. Consequently, the General Agent without communicating with this Bureau directed his communications to Special Agent Miller at that office. I may further state that no official mail of the Bureau of Investigation at Washington has been sent to Special Agent Miller at Dallas since previous correspondence with you. As you can appreciate the Bureau has no control over mail addressed to Special Agent Miller by other branches of the Department unless such branches make inquiry as to Special Agent Miller's address.

The Bureau is of the opinion that, in the event any further mail should be received for Special Agent Miller by you, you have only to properly address his mail to this office where it will be forwarded to him.

Very truly yours,

Director.

67-154-236

BUREAU FILES DIVISION  
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MAR 19 1929  
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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March 8, 1929

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Referring to your memorandum dated March 6, 1929, in which you inquire as to the identity of the person responsible for the typographical error appearing in a telegram addressed to Mr. Campana, I beg to submit that Miss Genners made this error. I regret very much that this error was not carefully checked by me and desire to advise you that in the future such matters will receive my most careful attention.

Respectfully,

M. H. <sup>X</sup> Phipps

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

March 6, 1929.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PURVIS.

I am returning to you herewith a telegram prepared in your Division to Mr. Campana and direct your attention to the typographical error appearing in the address.

Kindly advise me as to the identity of the person responsible for this error and why the same was not carefully checked before being sent to me for signature.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
Director.

Encl.

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*Mt. P.*

# Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

March 19, 1929.

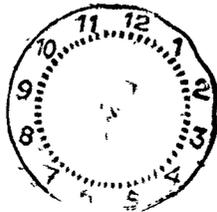
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

With regard to your attached memorandum, there can be no question but that Agent Dowd received conflicting orders from the Bureau. It would appear that the letter prepared by Mr. Purvis under date of January 28th was incorrect and that the letter of March 6th, confirming Inspector Egan's instructions, was correct. I am not at all certain that the Manual is altogether specifically clear in this respect, although taking the Manual provisions as a whole, there would appear to be no doubt that the method outlined in the Bureau letter of March 6th is the one intended by the Manual Committee, all of which does us no particular good at this time.

Mr. Purvis states that he wrote the letter in question three days after he assumed the position of Chief Clerk and states that he feels he must have consulted someone relative to the reply to be made, before writing same. He does not recall definitely the person consulted.

Very truly yours,



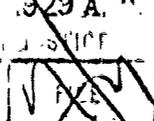


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MAR 21 1929 A. M.	
	
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From

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

To

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Attorney General .....

General Donovan .....

General Luhring .....

General Willebrandt .....

General Marshall .....

Mr. Chaso .....

Mr. Carusi .....

Mr. Baldwin .....

Mr. Stewart .....

Assistant Director .....

Inspector .....

Chief, Division 3 .....

Chief, Division 5 .....

Chief, Division 6 .....

Chief, Division 7 .....

Miss Gandy .....

Personnel Filing Section .....

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*This is the kind of thing which makes us look ridiculous. Why is it that we give two contradictory instructions? Please look into this & let me know who is responsible.*

*3/16/29*

*JAN 15 1929*

*J. E. N.*

From  
**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
 To  
**OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK**

- Attorney General .....
- General Donovan .....
- General Willebrandt .....
- General Marshall .....
- Mr. Carusi .....
- Mr. Baldwin .....
- Mr. Stewart .....
- Mrs. Rishel .....
- Assistant Director .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Mr. Boddis .....
- Bureau Filing Section .....
- Mr. Cunningham .....
- Miss Gandy .....
- Mr. Grimes .....
- Mr. Keep .....
- Mr. McKean .....
- Personnel Filing Section .....
- .....
- .....

3-22-29

Division Seven.

Will you please prepare the necessary papers designating Mr. M. H. Puxvis to fill the vacancy in Division Seven, grade CAF 9, \$3,200 per annum.

Also prepare the necessary papers transferring Mr. R. B. Nathan, to Division Four to fill the vacancy in grade CAF 10, \$3,500 per annum.

Director.

3-20-29

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 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 MAR 23 1929  
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March 12, 1929.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PURVIS.

I want to emphasize particularly one rule which should be followed in connection with the investigation of applicants. When investigation is ordered for an applicant, the procedure as I understand it is that the Inspectors are notified in order that they may list that applicant for interview at the earliest practicable moment. When you receive any report upon any applicant indicating his unfitness for a position in this Bureau you should immediately notify the Inspectors of that fact and also immediately order the field to discontinue any further investigative action.

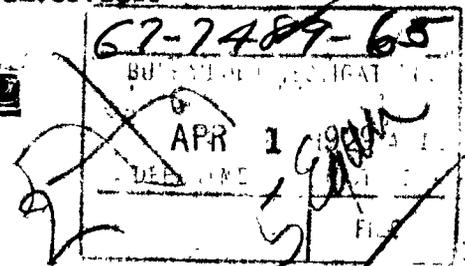
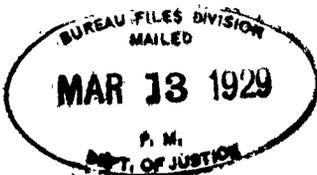
In the event the report of the Inspectors on the interview is received and is found to be extremely adverse before any adverse report has been received from the field on the investigative action, you should then immediately notify the field to discontinue any further investigative action. In other words, just as soon as we receive any report whether from the Inspectors or from the field investigators that an applicant is unfit for appointment, immediate steps should be taken to discontinue any further action of an investigative character upon the part of the Bureau. This is essential both for the conservation of time and money.

I have conveyed these instructions to you verbally several times, but I find that a number of cases have arisen in which these rules have not been followed and I want you to take immediate steps to see that my orders upon this matter are carried out at once.

The latest case that has come to my attention in this matter is that of an applicant by the name of Floyd K. Kirlin, who informed the Agent in Charge at Indianapolis that he desired to withdraw his application because he could not travel. This report from the Agent in Charge at Indianapolis, dated March 13, 1929, yet Inspector Egan, on March 12, 1929, had not received any word from you to remove this applicant's name from his list for interview.

Very truly yours,  
*[Signature]*

Director.



March 23, 1929

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

With reference to my memorandum dated March 22, 1929, relating to the movements and changes of agents, I regret to advise that Mr. McKavitt made the following errors in the preparation of same:

Special Agent in Charge C. E. Sreahman was stated on this memorandum to arrive at Washington D. C. on March 22nd. It should have been March 23rd. This error has been corrected on the memorandum dated March 23, 1929.

Mr. MacFarland departed for Boston on March 21st and should have been carried on the memorandum dated March 22nd. This error has been corrected by instituting this notation on the memorandum dated March 23, 1929.

I regret very much that these errors occurred and have instructed Mr. McKavitt very definitely in regard to his duties, and I will take extreme caution in the future to see that such errors are not repeated.

Respectfully,

M. H. *X* *R* *H* *V* *S*

HW:EMK

April 2, 1929.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PURVIS.

Please note brief prepared in the case of JOSEPH M. BONUSO, applicant for appointment as Special Agent.

I desire to call your particular attention to the fact that no corroboration was found of the greater part of applicant's schooling as given by him. I am certainly of the opinion that matters of this kind should be included in the brief prepared in your division.

It has been necessary to call your attention before to the insufficient information provided in the briefs of applicants and I desire that you give this matter your personal attention so that this may not occur again.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
APR 12 1929 A. M.	
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
Div. One	FILE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the fact that the voucher in favor of the Auto Glass Shop remained in this Division from March 9, to April 1, without having the proper action taken thereon, I respectfully submit the following:

*Swann  
Hill*

On March 9, 1929, the bill for the installation of a glass in the door of the Pierce-Arrow Automobile was handed me by Mr. Tolson, and on the same day I delivered it to Mr. Hill with instructions to prepare a voucher on Form 1034 for signature. On March 18, this voucher was delivered to my desk by Mr. Hill, and, upon contemplation, I decided that, in view of the delay already incurred, this matter could be expedited by having Mr. Hill personally submit the voucher to the Auto Glass Shop. Thereupon, on the night of March 18, I made a short memorandum to Mr. Hill and attached it to the voucher directing him to see that the matter was attended to on March 19. Mr. Hill received this on March 19, and on that day, or on March 20, he came to me and asked if he should attend to it that day or defer it a day in view of the special matters he was handling for Inspector Egan. I instructed Mr. Hill, that due to the fact that the matter upon which he was working at that time took precedence over all other matters, he should not go that day, but that he should go immediately thereafter.

Div. One



On March 29, Mr. Hill advised me that while he was going out to lunch he would take the voucher to the Auto Glass Shop and have it signed. I instructed him that he should have attended to this matter before, and that he should do so as quickly as possible. However, he advised me that afternoon that he had not had the voucher signed, and I again instructed him to attend to this immediately.

APR 2 1929

In view of the foregoing I presumed that the matter had received the proper attention until I was advised to the contrary on the morning of April 1.

I have questioned Mr. Hill as to why he negligently failed to carry out my instructions, and he states that he has no explanation to offer. With regard to his failure to report that the matter had been in the Division for more than forty-eight hours without having been acted upon, he also has no explanation to offer.

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1. Private (Give name) (Redial)  
 2. Department OF JUSTICE,  
OF INVESTIGATION,  
SPECIAL AGENT,  
 3. Bureau NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.  
 4. Field service SPECIAL AGENT,  
 5. (a) Field station NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.  
 (b) Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) City or town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. Pay roll title SPECIAL AGENT  
 7. Customary office title SPECIAL AGENT  
 8. Present administrative allocation \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. Present gross rate of pay \$ 3000.00  
 10. Deduction for allowances \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. Net rate paid in cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_

12. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box or boxes the kind of allowances, if any, received by the employee:  
 House  Room  Furnished  Heat  Fuel  Uniform  Meals per day:  1  2  3  
 Unfurnished  Light  Laundry  Subsistence or rations in kind

13. Describe any other allowance, privilege, or perquisite of value \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost \_\_\_\_\_

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From \_\_\_\_\_ m. to \_\_\_\_\_ m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Summer \_\_\_\_\_ Winter \_\_\_\_\_ (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day \_\_\_\_\_  
 number of days per week \_\_\_\_\_ (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and  
 type of such duty \_\_\_\_\_  
not be available for twenty-four hours of each day.

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months \_\_\_\_\_

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? NO (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) How many? \_\_\_\_\_

18. If the employee supervises other persons through immediate contact, give the name and the sheet numbers of such persons. (For such of these as may not be covered by questionnaires, give number and kinds by occupations.) If the employee exercises supervision through section or division heads, give the title of such sections or divisions and the names and sheet numbers of their heads.

Items 21 and 22 composed and certified by Melvin H. Purvis Jr.

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.)  
Works under close supervision and expected to confer with Agt. in Chg. frequently. Each investigation closely supervised by Agt. in Chg. by personal contact to advise methods to pursue to obtain the desired results and by review of Agent's investigative reports to determine whether the investigation has been properly and completely covered and whether the reports are prepared in the prescribed form. Impossible however, in a great many instances to foresee developments, therefore Agent frequently left to execute details virtually on own responsibility.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior?  
C. D. McKean, Special Agent in Charge, A19-1

21. Employee's education: Strike an "X" over the number representing the highest grade or year completed in each type of school:

Elementary								High				Normal				College				Postgraduate or professional			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4

LL. B. Degree (HND)

Other education (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most qualifying or pertinent?  
Practiced law at Florence, S. C. for 1 year and 8 months. JAN 13 1984

23. TO THE EMPLOYEE: Describe in detail the work you do. Put each distinct duty, task, or process in a separate paragraph. Explain first those that require most of your time. Explain occasional duties last. In the column at the left opposite each paragraph enter the approximate percentage of your time devoted to the work described in that paragraph. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPOSE THIS STATEMENT WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF P. C. B. FORM NO. 15.

- Percentage of working time
- 55% Interviewing persons who have complained of a violation of Anti-Trust Laws, persons who are officers or employees of corporations, officers or employees of corporations, officers or employees of Trade Associations, and persons independently engaged in the particular industry under investigation. All interviews are for the purpose of ascertaining whether there has been a violation of the Anti-Trust Laws, and whether or not the person interviewed will be a material witness for the Government.
  - 25% Examining minute books, records and correspondence of corporations or Trade Associations for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not there has been a violation of the Anti-Trust Laws. Obtaining extracts of records examined and securing copies of such records and correspondence as are pertinent or germane to the investigation.
  - 5% Conferences with attorneys who are Special Assistants to the Attorney General, United States Attorneys and their assistants, and Attorneys representing the parties or corporations under investigation.
  - 5% Preparation of detailed reports showing the results of investigations. These reports contain the statements or affidavits of persons interviewed who may or may not be material witnesses for the Government. Into these reports there are also incorporated by reference, copies of records, correspondence and other documents of evidentiary value. It is obvious that reports of this character cannot be made in any set form but must be an orderly arrangement of the material found and its evidentiary value.
  - 5% Preparation of trial briefs or summaries of evidence, required because of the investigators' familiarity with all the facts.
  - 5% Attending trials in order to assist the prosecuting attorney in the presentation

24. I hereby certify that this statement was composed by me after reading P. C. B. Form No. 15, and that it is a true statement of my duties.

*Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.*  
(Signature of Employee)

25. TO THE PREPARING OFFICER: Write your own description of the employee's work. If in describing the work of the position you would cover the same subject matter and use the same language and expressions, indicate your concurrence in the employee's statement and utilize the rest of the space below by giving further and broader information regarding the position, such as the kind and degree of responsibility involved, the ultimate purpose of the work, its place in your organization, its working conditions, etc. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet. See instructions in Form No. 15.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Eighteen Months.

27. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made by me on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete.

Sept. 29, 1928 C. D. McKean Special Agent in Charge  
(Date) (Signature of Preparing Officer) (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked \_\_\_\_\_ In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from \$ 3300 to \$ 5,000.

Sept. 29, 1928 C. D. McKean Special Agent in Charge  
(Date) (Signature of head of field office or station) (Title)

29. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked \_\_\_\_\_ In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from \$ 2900 to \$ 3400

October 31, 1928 See attached Director  
(Date) (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) (Title)

ITEM #25.

Employee's work consists of investigation of cases assigned to him involving violations of the Federal Law over which this Bureau has primary investigative jurisdiction; dictate reports incorporating therein all material facts so developed; submit upon the approval of Agent in Charge copies of said reports to the Bureau in Washington and such field offices as may be interested therein and to proper prosecuting officer for his opinion relative to the prosecution thereof when there appears to have been a violation of the Federal Law. Confer with U.S. Attorneys as occasion may require; attend and give testimony before Referees in Bankruptcy, U.S. Commissioners, Grand Jury proceedings and in District Court; prepare summary reports and briefs in cases set for trial; locate witnesses for whom subpoenas have been issued and fugitives for whom warrants have been issued after the U.S. Marshal has failed to locate and in those cases involving violations of the law over which the Bureau does not have primary investigative jurisdiction after the governmental agency having such jurisdiction has failed to locate as well as the U.S. Marshal.

Item # 20:

## SPECIAL AGENT

Investigates all cases involving alleged violations of Federal Statutes. In connection therewith develops all "leads" pertaining to the alleged crime. Interviews subjects under suspicion, witnesses, and persons alleged to possess information relative to the crime under investigation. Allocates facts ascertained to appropriate Federal Statute. Collects, sifts, and co-ordinates evidence under appropriate Statute for presentation before judicial officers. Prepares summary reports, i.e. memoranda, trial briefs, etc. for use in prosecution. Assists prosecutive officers in trials of alleged violators of Federal Statutes. Collects and sifts evidence, and prepares cases for trial in civil matters coming within Federal jurisdiction. Prepares reports and statistical data in accordance with field office organization and Bureau accounting procedure. Handles special investigations involving conditions in other Governmental offices and services, qualifications of higher Federal officials for appointment; investigates official acts and conduct of the more important Federal officials to determine whether the officers are acting in accordance with law, and prepares reports with recommendations as to action to be taken.

Director - 2.

I am not unmindful of my responsibility in connection with matters of this nature, and I respectfully submit that I am making a most careful scrutiny into his work. I assure you that every effort will be put forth to see that no derelictions of this nature occur in the future.

I respectfully recommend disciplinary action be taken in the form of a suspension of one week in order to impress upon Mr. Hill the importance of his work, and that a copy of this memorandum be placed in his personnel file for future reference. I believe that this action would be sufficient and I therefore make no further recommendation at this time.

Respectfully,

M. H. Furris

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March 26, 1939.

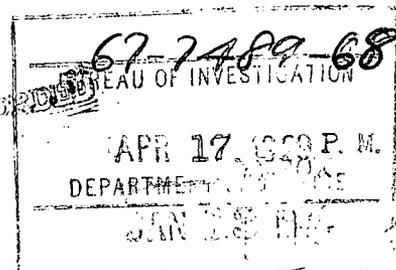
Memorandum for the Appointment Clerk:

You will please prepare a letter transferring Mr. M. H. Purvis from Special Agent, FIELD, to Senior Administrative Assistant (Chief Clerk), Division #7, in the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, at the same salary and in the same grade, payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes." DEPARTMENTAL. Effective April 1, 1939. Vice C. A. Tolson, transferred.

Director.

Approved:

Assistant Attorney General.



CBS-017

April 1, 1969.

Mr. M. H. Hurvin,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice.

Sir:

You are hereby transferred from Special Agent to Senior Administrative Assistant (Chief Clerk) in Division 7, Bureau of Investigation, at the same salary and in the same grade (\$3200.00 per annum, Grade GS-5), effective today, and payable from the same appropriation.

You should execute the required oath of office.

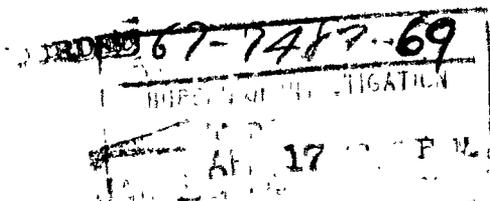
Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

(signed) John Marshall

Assistant Attorney General.

Authority #13103  
vice Mr. C. A. Tolson, transferred.



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May 1, 1929

Mr. H. H. Parvis,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice.

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Sir:

You are hereby transferred from Senior Administrative Assistant, in Division #7, Bureau of Investigation, and are appointed a Special Agent of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, with salary at the rate of \$3200.00 per annum, in Grade CAF-9. You will also be allowed your actual expenses of travel and operation and \$6.00 a day in lieu of subsistence when absent from official headquarters, which are fixed temporarily at Washington, D. C., and following your general assignment, your headquarters will be fixed from time to time at such places as may be deemed advisable by the Director of the Bureau of Investigation under whose supervision and instructions you will be employed.

Your salary, expenses, and per diem will be paid from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes".

This appointment will take effect today.

This letter is not to be considered as operating credentials and is not to be so used. Operating credentials are issued separately.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,  
(signed) John Marshall,

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JAN 13 1984

Assistant Attorney General.

Authority 14270

*Copy enclosed  
to  
Chicago  
5-9-29*

I, Melvin H. Purvis, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

Senior Administrative Assistant  
(Chief Clerk)

on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

(Sign here) Melvin H. Purvis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ) Where born (State only) S.C.  
..... 16<sup>th</sup> ..... day ) Date of birth October 24, 1923  
of ..... April ..... A.D. 1929 ) Whence appointed: S.C.

State S.C. County Florence  
Congressional District 6<sup>th</sup>

John C. Hill  
Notary Public

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Date of entry upon duty April 1, 1929

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JAN 13 1984

Residence 705 18<sup>th</sup> St. N.W. Washington, D.C.

JF:JER

May 9, 1929.

Mr. T. F. Cullen,  
209 Hurley-Wright Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that Mr. M. H. Purvis<sup>2</sup> has been transferred from the Seat of Government to the Field as a Special Agent and his headquarters have been fixed at Washington, D. C.

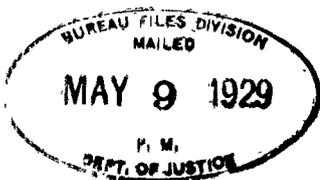
His salary is \$3200 per annum in Grade CAF-9.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JEH:MO'B

May 9, 1929.

Mr. M. E. Purvie,  
P. O. Box 1405,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvie:

You are being formally notified of your transfer from the position which you have been holding at the Seat of Government to a field position. I wanted to write you this note so that you may understand the reason for this change.

During your absence Mr. Fessenden has been acting in charge of the Seventh Division and has carried on the duties satisfactorily. There has been some question raised as to the advisability of having an Agent with legal training assigned to the Chief Clerk's position and, consequently, I have reached the decision that, in view of the heavy demand for investigative assistance in the field on a number of special matters, it was desirable to assign you to field duty. This does not affect your compensation or grade and upon your return to Washington I will want to talk with you as to some special work in the field which I am desirous of having you take up.

With best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

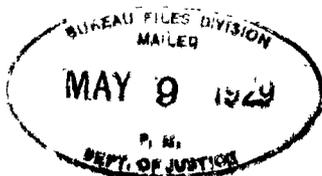
Director.

*Handwritten initials*

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JF:JER

April 30, 1939.

Memorandum for the Appointment Clerk:

You will please prepare a letter transferring Mr. M. H. Purvis from Senior Administrative Assistant, Division #7, CAF-9, \$3200 per annum, to Special Agent, CAF-9, \$3200 per annum, and \$6.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence and actual expenses of travel and operation when absent from official headquarters which are fixed temporarily at Washington, D. C., payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes." FIELD. Effective May 1, 1939.

Director.

Approved:

Assistant Attorney General.

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Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 1405,  
Chicago, Ill.



May 11, 1929.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Hoover:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 9, 1929, and I desire to thank you for it.

My future itinerary will include Washington, D. C., because there is an angle of this case that will require one or two days work there. I note that you will want to talk with me as to some special work in the field which you are desirous of having me take up, and I shall be glad when I arrive there and can see you about it.

With best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

M. H. Purvis  
Special Agent.

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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 1405,  
Chicago, Ill.



May 11, 1929.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Assistant Attorney General's letter dated May 1, 1929, advising me of my transfer from Senior Administrative Assistant to the position of Special Agent.

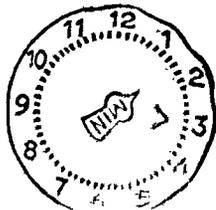
There are enclosed herewith two copies of the necessary oath of office.

Yours very truly,  
M. H. Purvis  
M. H. Purvis  
Special Agent.

*Oath to Asst. Dir.  
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*Dir.*

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Dir. Svcs*

I, Melvin N. Purvis, Jr., do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice

on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

(Sign here) Melvin N. Purvis, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this )  
Eleventh day )  
of May A. D. 192 9 )

Where born (State only) S.C.  
Date of birth Oct. 24, 1903

Whence appointed:  
State S.C. County Florence  
Congressional District 6<sup>th</sup>

Helen Dunkel  
Notary Public

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SEAL :  
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Date of entry upon duty May 1, 1929  
~~Feb. 4, 1929~~

Residence Timmousoille, S.C.

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<sup>6</sup>  
M H PURVIS  
CARE OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
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FORWARD IMMEDIATELY PERSONNEL STATUS PROVIDED FOR BUREAU MANUAL SECTION  
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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

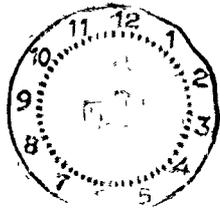
In accordance with provision number 33 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, I beg to submit the following report of my personnel status:

- A. Marital status - unmarried
- B. Societies or organizations - Kappa Alpha (Southern)
- C. Legal residence - Timmonsville, S.C.
- D. Education - Graduated Timmonsville High School; L.L.B. University of South Carolina
- E. Name of person to be notified in case of emergency - M. H. Purvis, Timmonsville, S.C.
- F. Offices where assignment preferred - No preference.

Yours very truly,

M. H. Purvis, Jr.  
Special Agent

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May 21, 1939.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Your attention was verbally called yesterday to Agents Flaherty, Grant, James and Kurvis of the Chicago Office.

Likewise, your attention was called to the conversation I had with Agent Spears of the Chicago Office relative to his being designated as an Agent in Charge.

Respectfully,

J. S. ROAN,  
Inspector.

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June 19, 1929.

Mr. L. C. Schilder,  
P. O. Box 493,  
Columbus, Ohio. X

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 14th instant, in which you request the assignment of one or two Agents. I am directing the assignment to your office of Mr. Purvis. O

It is noted that Mr. Bowling<sup>X</sup> has been designated by the Bureau to receive training as the Number One man in your office. It is desired that Agent Purvis also receive training along this line. In view of the condition of the work at Cleveland it might be desirable for you to delay the instruction of Mr. Bowling along the line of duties of an Acting Agent in Charge and instruct Mr. Purvis in these matters first.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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June 25, 1929.

Mr. L. C. Schilder,  
P. O. Box 498,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find personnel file  
of Special Agent Marvin H. Purvis.

Very truly yours,

*John L. Hickey*

JOHN L. HICKEY,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau  
File #66-125  
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Box 493,  
Columbus, Ohio,

June 21, 1929.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th instant and to thank you sincerely for the assignment of Agent Purvis here, as indicated therein.

Mr. Purvis arrived at Columbus yesterday and immediately left for the field to arrange the apprehension of two fugitives who had previously been located, and further to handle an investigation of a passport matter for the State Department. He will return to Columbus in about a week or ten days.

I beg to note further your comment that you desire that I instruct Agent Purvis as Acting Agent in Charge before so instructing Agent Bowling, because of the condition of the Cleveland work. It will be necessary for me to visit Cincinnati and Cleveland next week, when neither Agent Purvis nor Agent Bowling will be able to be here. During these two visits I will leave Agent Osborne Acting in Charge, but will proceed with instructing Agent Purvis promptly upon his return here.

Very truly yours,

L. C. SCHILDER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 493,  
Columbus, O.

July 19, 1929.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

The thirty day report on Special Agent Purvis is now due, but I beg to suggest that I will postpone submitting the same until about the 5th proximo, because of Agent Purvis' absence from this district for fifteen of the thirty day period on annual leave.

Very truly yours,

*L. C. Schilder*

L. C. SCHILDER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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**Department of Justice**

Bureau of Investigation  
P.O. Box 493,  
Columbus, Ohio.

August 1, 1929.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

AUG 2 1929

Dear Sir:-

The following is my opinion of the qualifications of Special Agent M. H. Purvis, who has now been attached to this office for about thirty days:

During the early part of his assignment here, Agent Purvis did not indicate a very thorough familiarity with the nature of his duties and reporting on cases assigned him. This was, undoubtedly, due to the fact that he had not been engaged on active investigative work, other than Antitrust, for a considerable period of time, as more recently his work has been very satisfactory. He has studied the Manual assiduously and now, I believe, is familiar with all its provisions.

Agent Purvis is very thorough, his attitude toward his work is fine, he exercises excellent judgment, has much initiative and force and has been exceedingly industrious. He is accurate, both as to attention as to details, and to the preparation of his reports. His personal appearance, in my opinion, is excellent. Following your instructions, I have given him training in the duties of Acting Special Agent In Charge, and have, in fact, placed him on the desk for short intervals during my absence from the office since his arrival here. While needing training along this line, he, nevertheless, has displayed a readiness of comprehension and ability to handle the work which, I believe, is indicative of his satisfactory capacity along these lines.

I am very glad to have Agent Purvis here, especially as I have been in dire need of a number one man. His presence will enable me to leave the office in the hands of a capable agent when I am called away on trips into the field, some of which of necessity I have postponed pending his arrival here and familiarity with his new duties, and now assigning Agent Purvis to work in Cleveland, especially involving bankruptcy.



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cases as I believe that he is adapted to assignments along this line, and will aid materially in relieving the congestion there. Of course, when in Cleveland he will be readily available for call to the office here.

Very truly yours,



L. C. SCHILDER,  
Special Agent In Charge

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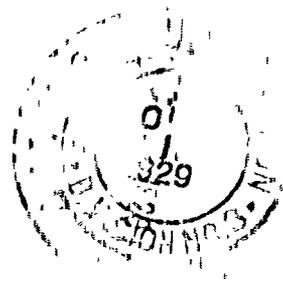
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Box 493,  
Columbus, Ohio,

October 9, 1929.



Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant, I beg to submit the following report on the qualifications of Agent M. H. Purvis to investigate bankruptcy cases:

Agent Purvis since his assignment here has not completely investigated any bankruptcy matters, due to the necessity of keeping him on other cases, and further, to the fact that he has received training as Acting Agent in Charge. He has, however, submitted preliminary reports in the COZELLE SHOE COMPANY (Nathan Cohen, Secretary), HARRY SLIFKIN and COSIMO SOTTOSANTI bankruptcy cases and apparently knows how to proceed in such investigations.

*see In. letter 10/7/29*

When the condition of other work permits, I hope to give Agent Purvis further training in bankruptcy cases, which I believe he is qualified to handle proficiently.

Very truly yours,

*L. C. Schilder*

L. C. SCHILDER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

P.O. Box 493,  
Columbus, Ohio.



October 15, 1929.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

This letter supplements my efficiency rating and relates to my opinion of the manner in which Mr. M. H. Purvis acted as Special Agent in Charge during my absence.

In the assignment of the cases, considering the qualifications of Agents to handle and the geographical location of the work, etc., Agent Purvis exercised good judgment but assigned possibly too many cases to a number of agents, which, of course, is an error that can be corrected with experience. In the review of reports, etc., he seems generally to have displayed good common sense. In the maintenance of the assignment cards, however, he has naturally made a number of the errors of a novice on the desk, although such errors have not been glaring, or of the type which seriously affected the administration of the office.

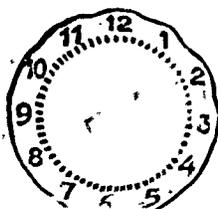
The fact that I have pointed out the above errors does not mean that I am not satisfied with the designation of Mr. Purvis as #1 man here. I believe that he is very capable, will improve with experience, possesses the capacity for at least an average Agent in Charge or #1 man, and feel that under any circumstances he would be absolutely loyal, dependable and give the very best of his services.

Very truly yours,

*L. C. Schilder*

L. C. SCHILDER,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Box 495,  
Columbus, Ohio.

October 9, 1929.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant relating to the fact that a final report has not been submitted in the case of certain Agents relative to their ability to investigate bankruptcy cases, and to inform you that I am today submitting under separate cover an individual report on each Agent specified in your letter, with the exception of Agent H. Fink, who did not cover any bankruptcy cases in detail while assigned here, altho he indicated very shortly before his transfer to the New York office that he would like to be given such cases. I assume that a formal report in his case will be submitted by the New York office at a later date.

Further report as to Agents H. C. Cosh, W.K. Bowling, M. H. Purvis, E. W. Gelsen and J. D. Reynolds, who are not fully qualified at this time, will be submitted at a later date.

From the letters being sent, you will note that I believe that Agents W. A. Belan and O. G. Hall are qualified to investigate bankruptcy cases at this time, while Agent E. L. Osborne, in my opinion, now handles such matters to the best of his ability.

Very truly yours,

L. C. Schilder,  
Special Agent in Charge.

LCS:FD

See 67-380-129

October 7, 1933.

Mr. L. C. Schilder,  
P. O. Box 493,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

This is with reference to the qualifications of agents to investigate bankruptcy cases.

A final report has not been received indicating the ability of the following agents:

W. Dolan	W. K. Bowling
E. L. Osborne	G. G. Hall
E. C. Cush	M. H. Purvis (A.S.) X
H. Fink	E. W. Golsen
J. D. Reynolds	

If these agents have been assigned to bankruptcy cases, you are requested to review their work and submit your opinion, giving the names of the cases on which it is based. If you have not had the opportunity to observe the work of any of these agents throughout the complete investigation of at least one case, you are requested to adjust assignments so that you may accomplish this purpose at an early date. If an agent has had no experience whatever with bankruptcy cases, it is suggested that you satisfy yourself as to his knowledge of the bankruptcy provisions of the Manual of Instructions before assigning him a case. Inexperienced agents should, of course, be coached in the same manner as would be necessary in any case if they had just been appointed to office and were being given their first assignment. You will, of course, need to keep in contact with the agents throughout their investigations so as to closely observe their conduct and assure that the success of the particular cases is not endangered by the inexperience of the agents.

Please advise what steps you are taking.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Akron, Ohio

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Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter dated October 17, 1929, in which you requested that suggestions and advice relative to rules and policies of the Bureau be furnished, I respectfully submit the following:

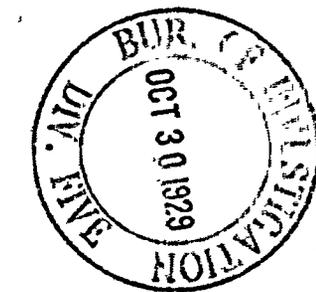
Under existing regulations Offices of Origin in the Field are carrying as Pending and Active, cases in which all leads in the territory of the Office of Origin have been fully developed, and there remains for said office merely its concern regarding the supervision of Prosecution. As a result of the present procedure the Monthly Administrative Reports submitted by Field Offices fail to show the true conditions to the Bureau. It is also true that both the Offices, Origin and Prosecution, are maintaining supervision of Prosecution.

It is my opinion that duplication of work exists in such cases, that clerical labor is performed unnecessarily, and that supervision of Prosecution is properly within the province of the Office of Prosecution only.

It is therefore suggested that Offices of Origin refer cases of this nature to the Office of Prosecution, and that the former discontinue carrying them as Pending and Active, and consider them in the same circumstance as cases Closed or Referred upon Completion.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis,  
Special Agent.



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November 9, 1929.

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~~PERSONAL AND  
CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
P. O. Box 498,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I am in receipt of your communication of the seventh instant, in which you advise me that you are planning to be in Washington the latter part of next week. I shall be very glad indeed to see you and to talk with you.

With expressions of my best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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Department of Justice  
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Box 493,  
Columbus, Ohio.

November 7, 1929.

~~PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I beg to advise that business matters  
require my presence in Washington some time during  
the next week - possibly Friday and Saturday - at  
which time I should like very much to talk with  
you about matters of a personal nature.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent.

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
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**EFFICIENCY RATING SHEET**

Office submitting Columbus, Ohio

Date submitted Oct. 1, 1929

Name of employee M. H. Purvis Special Agent CAF 9 \$3200  
(Title) (Grade) (Salary)

Entered Bureau service 2/4/27 Entered on duty this office 6/20/29  
(Date) (Date)

Consider carefully these definitions, keep them in mind when rating, and compare the employee with all others in the same position for the entire service.

- INFERIOR (0-59%)**..... **EXCEPTIONALLY POOR** performance of duty; **EXCEPTIONALLY LACKING** in qualification considered.
- UNSATISFACTORY (60-74%)**..... Duty **NOT** performed **AS WELL AS SHOULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED** under circumstances; not satisfactory.
- SATISFACTORY (75-84%)**..... **EFFICIENT**; duty **WELL PERFORMED**; **UP TO STANDARD**; qualification **SATISFACTORY**.
- EXCELLENT (85-92%)**..... Duty performed in a **HIGHLY EFFICIENT MANNER**; qualification **BETTER THAN** usually accepted as **SATISFACTORY**.
- SUPERIOR (93-100%)**..... **PREEMINENTLY EFFICIENT** performance of duty; qualified to a **PREEMINENT DEGREE**.

To what degree has he exhibited the following qualifications? Consider him in comparison with others in the same position for the entire service:

	GRADE	RELATIVE WEIGHT	TOTAL
<b>KNOWLEDGE:</b> Extent of information concerning all duties of his position; ability to analyze cases; practical application of intelligence and educational training; readiness of comprehension.....	91	7	637
<b>JUDGMENT:</b> Common sense; ability to think clearly and arrive at logical conclusions; tact.....	92	4	368
<b>INITIATIVE:</b> Trait of beginning needed work or taking appropriate action on own responsibility in absence of orders.....	89	1	89
<b>FORCE:</b> Aggressiveness; faculty of performing work with vigor and resolution.....	87	1	87
<b>INDUSTRY:</b> Physical activity; application to work; health; energy.....	86	1	86
<b>ACCURACY:</b> Attention to details; thoroughness; precision.....	87	1	87
<b>PERSONAL APPEARANCE:</b> Impression made on others; personality; neatness.....	88	1	88
<b>PAPER WORK:</b> Reporting; marshaling facts; dictating.....	87	2	174
<b>ATTITUDE TOWARD WORK:</b> Attention to duty; loyalty to the service; amenability to discipline; dependability.....	100	1	100
<b>EXECUTIVE CAPACITY:</b> Executive ability; leadership; capacity to direct, control, and influence others in proper performance of duties.....	80	1	80

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 RATING..... 89.8 ✓

In arriving at the above rating for an employee, consider each of the ten qualifications separately. In the column headed "Grade" give a separate rating between 0 and 100% for each qualification, as explained at the beginning of the sheet under definitions of Inferior, Unsatisfactory, Satisfactory, Excellent, and Superior. Then multiply each separate grade given in each separate qualification by the respective number indicated in the column headed "Relative Weight." Extend the figure obtained for each separate qualification into the column headed "Total." Add all the figures in the column headed "Total" and divide this sum by 20 to arrive at the final rating.

REMARKS: *See below*

(Under this heading shall be set forth a digest of criticisms and conditions of significance which will reflect deficiencies, meritorious features, and special qualifications or disqualifications.)

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Mr. Purvis is now #1 man in this office. He has handled the office satisfactorily for limited periods. As to longer periods, I have returned from my vacation only today and therefore, cannot now pass on his efficiency in this particular but will submit a further report after I have reviewed his work. He is qualified to handle all types of cases, is energetic, conscientious, loyal and presents a splendid appearance.

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If deficiencies or disqualifications have been noted under "Remarks," have you brought them to the attention of the employee prior to the rendition of this rating? \_\_\_\_\_

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*R. Schneider*  
 Rating Officer.

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October 31, 1929.

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Mr. M. H. Parvis,  
P. O. Box 498,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Parvis:

Your letter of October 29, 1929, has been received and the suggestions therein contained are at this time receiving the Bureau's careful attention.

I desire to commend you for the interest in the Bureau's welfare manifested by your prompt reply to my request for suggestions from the field.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
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1420 Enquirer Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

December 27th, 1929.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

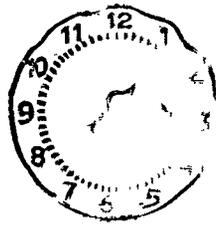
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Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith, Personnel Record  
of Special Agent Melvin Horace Purvis, Jr.

Very truly yours,  
*L. C. Schilder*

L. C. SCHILDER,  
Special Agent in Charge.



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1420 Enquirer Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dec. 6, 1929.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the second relating to the Milk Investigation, Anti-trust case, I beg to advise you that Special Agent N. H. Purvis informs me that the investigation at Cleveland was conducted in the following manner:

The City Health Officer and President of the Greater Milk Council, at Mr. Purvis' request, asked a number of the independent dealers to call on Mr. Purvis in the Greater Milk Council's offices, a certain time being set for each call, but on some occasions a number of dealers reporting simultaneously.

During the interview with each of these dealers, Mr. Purvis prepared the questionnaire mentioned. He advises me that he certainly did not leave it with anyone and that if any of the dealers actually received and retained a copy of said questionnaire, he purloined it, or (altho it does not appear that the same could be possible), memorized the contents and prepared the questionnaire upon return to his office. You will note that the questionnaire was very short.

Mr. Purvis informs me finally that none of these questionnaires were at any time unaccounted for and that he is at a loss to determine how any could have reached, or been retained, by any of his informants.

Very truly yours,

L. C. SCHILDER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

LCS:EC

*See 67-380-137*

V.H:AM

November 22, 1929.

Mr. L. C. Schilder,  
P. O. Box 473,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I am informed that Special Agent Purvis of your office has elicited certain investigative information in the SILK INVESTIGATION, Anti-trust matter, by the submission of a questionnaire to the parties or companies from whom the information was desired. Please advise me immediately if Agent Purvis or your office has used questionnaires during the course of this investigation and if so, why that fact has not been shown in the investigative reports or the Bureau not previously advised of the same.

Very truly yours,

Director.

*See 64-288-137*

VHE:MM

November 19, 1929.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Benham, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, advised me yesterday morning that when he and Special Agent Plummer called at the office of the National Dairy Products Co. at New York to obtain certain further information in the development of the Milk Anti-trust case, Mr. McInerney, President of the company, who had previously cooperated with them fully, was very much exercised because of information he had received that this Department had circulated questionnaires to competitors of his company seeking information with regard to trade practices, unfair methods and competition. Mr. McInerney stated that he had endeavored to cooperate in every way with the Department, had spent hundreds of dollars in hiring Accountants to assemble data which the Department had called for in this case and as a reward for his efforts he had learned that his company's reputation had been seriously injured through reason of the distribution of circulars containing questions which of themselves were injurious regardless of the answers which might be made to those questions.

Neither Mr. Plummer nor Mr. Benham know of any questionnaires which had been distributed to competitors of the National Dairy Products Co. and first insisted that it could not have been this Department but were shown a questionnaire on official stationery of this Department containing the name of Special Agent Purvis of the Columbus office addressed to a Cleveland concern which questionnaire followed in detail the suggestions which had been mailed to the several offices of the Bureau for interrogation of owners or proprietors of dairies and manufacturers of dairy products.

Neither the writer nor Mr. Guinane of this office who supervises the Anti-trust investigations knew of any instructions which might permit of this manner of investigation. Neither is there any record that the investigation at Columbus was handled in that manner. The reports received from Columbus all indicate that interviews were had consequently a letter had been addressed to the Columbus office requesting advice as to whether questionnaires have been used and if so, why the Bureau has not previously been advised thereof.

Respectfully,

67-380-130

U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

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1420 Enquirer Bldg.  
Cincinnati, Ohio

January 20, 1930.

PERSONAL.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

I have contemplated writing you before,  
to thank you for the opportunity afforded me on my last visit  
to Washington. Please be assured that this was appreciated  
by me, and I want you to know that I have benefited greatly  
thereby.

Sincerely,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. Purvis,  
Special Agent.

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January 11, 1930.

Mr. L. C. Schilder,  
1418 Enquirer Building,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Schilder:-

With reference to your communication of the sixth instant, in view of your statement of the situation concerning a Number One man, you are advised that Mr. Purvis will be under instructions to return to Cincinnati immediately upon the conclusion of the course of training at Washington, which will be concluded today.

Very truly yours,

Director.

11-0004-119

1420 Enquirer Bldg.  
Cincinnati, Ohio

January 6, 1930

~~PERSONAL and~~  
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant, wherein you mention that you contemplate bringing Mr. Purvis to Washington for some special work and request my advice as to which Agent now attached to this Office is considered by me as best qualified from all angles to act as Number One man, I beg to inform you that in my opinion no Agent attached here excepting Mr. Purvis is so qualified.

After having received your letter, I gave this matter very careful consideration. There are two agents who have had Administrative experience, i.e. McGuff and Morton. I would not recommend either. Of my other Agents, Bolan has had office experience in the past, although some years ago and might do for short periods, if given further training. Hall has never had any Administrative work and I do not believe that temperamentally he would be adapted for Office routine, although I regard him now, as my best investigator here.

In connection with the above, I beg to advise that I will of course, follow any instructions you might desire to give me in connection with this matter. In view of my pending trip to Washington on the 15th I would appreciate an immediate reply so I will know how to proceed, inasmuch as there are numerous angles here that would necessarily have to be discussed with the man to be placed in charge during my absence provided that Mr. Purvis could not be returned here for the period indicated, after which I would have further opportunity to try to develop a competent Number One man, although as stated I do not regard any of the men here as qualified, or as having the capacity for such work.

Very truly yours,

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January 3, 1930.

~~PERSONAL AND  
CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. L. C. Schilder,  
1418 Enquirer Building,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Schilder:

I have been contemplating bringing Mr. Purvis on to Washington for a try-out on some special work. In considering this matter, I, of course, have had in mind the question of designating another man in your office to act as Number One man in your absence.

I would appreciate your letting me know whom now attached to your office you consider to be best qualified from all angles to act as Number One man.

Very truly yours,

Director.

See 68-1440-9

RE: M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent - Cincinnati.

Agent Purvis entered this service February 4, 1937. His present salary is \$3,200.00 per annum. His last efficiency rating of 90.8% was given him by Special Agent in Charge Schilder who said that Purvis is an excellent man to Act in Charge of the Cincinnati Office for short periods of time; that he has found Purvis to be conscientious, loyal, energetic, and of splendid appearance. It is our opinion that Purvis is above the average as an Agent and that Schilder's estimate of him is correct.

Agent Purvis was at Terre Haute, Indiana, on the date of this inspection and we did not get to see him.

67-14118-8  
December 1939 Inspection of Cincinnati Bureau  
Office by Inspectors J. M. Keith and T. F. Cullen.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Jan. 31, 1930.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Enclosed herewith find the fingerprints  
of MELVIN HORACE PURVIS, JR.

A search of the files of the National  
Division of Identification and Information  
fails to disclose any record of the above  
employee.

Respectfully,

E. K. THODE,  
Chief,  
Division of Identification  
and Information.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

February 4, 1930.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PERSONNEL FILE OF

M. H. Purvis.

The above-named employee attended the  
Bureau training school conducted by Inspector  
Keith, which began on January 2, 1930.

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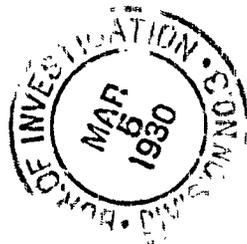
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1420 Enquirer Bldg.  
Cincinnati, Ohio

March 3, 1930

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.



Dear Sir:-

Replying to your communication of the 28th regarding the ability of agents to handle bankruptcy cases, I beg to inform you that I hope to assign Agent M. H. Purvis so soon as conditions permit, i.e. when he has completed the investigation of Everett A. Davisson, Referee in Bankruptcy, two antitrust cases assigned him and when I can leave him in the field for a sufficient period of time to thoroughly complete a new bankruptcy case.

Very truly yours,

L. C. SCHILDER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 23, 1930.

Mr. L. C. Schilder,  
1418 Equivox Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Despite the fact that for over two years there has been followed a definite program for ascertaining the ability of each of the Bureau's Agents to investigate bankruptcy cases, this information has not been obtained on a large proportion of the Agents.

It is believed that more progress should have been made and it is now desired to complete this work without further delay. The status of the following Agents of your office remains to be determined:

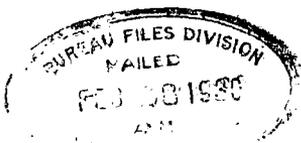
Mr. Bolan	J. H. Brown
G. C. Hall	H. K. Jones
H. H. Purvis	G. W. Harber
E. W. Golsen	F. Cole

Please advise as to the steps you are taking to reach a final determination as to each of the above Agents and when you expect to be able to forward such final reports.

Very truly yours,

Director.

67-3209-65



CT:ACS

February 21, 1930.

Mr. L. C. Schilder,  
1416 Regnier Building,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

The Bureau desires to call your attention to the report of Agent Elias Horton, dated January 14, 1930, in re Robert James Emerson, Cincinnati file 26-1255, which bears the approval of Acting Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis. The Subject was carried as a fugitive in the Title of this report although the report of Special Agent William Larson dated December 21, 1929, at Kansas City, Missouri, a copy of which was furnished to the Cincinnati Office, advised that no non est return had been made in this case and that the Subject was not a fugitive.

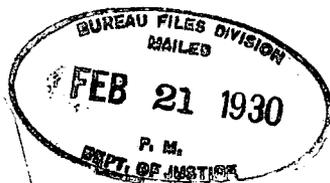
Acting Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis submitted and approved a report dated January 20, 1930, in re Vincent Brand; Kenneth Holton, Fugitive, Cincinnati file 26-1162. An undeveloped lead was set out in this report for the Detroit Office, yet no copies of the same were furnished to that office and it was necessary to direct a letter to the Cincinnati Office in this regard on January 25, 1930.

It is noted that the report of Agent M. H. Purvis, dated January 20, 1930, in re Oscar Brentley, Fugitive, Cincinnati file 73-73, was improper, in that the Subject who was declared a parole violator was not carried as a fugitive in the Title of the report.

Acting Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis approved the report rendered by Agent Elias Horton on January 20, 1930, in the case entitled O. P. Hindman, et al., Cincinnati file 26-1721, although only one copy of this report was indicated for the Office of Origin, Detroit.

The Bureau has received a carbon copy of a letter addressed to the Assistant United States Attorney at Columbus, Ohio, by Acting Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis on January 20, 1930, in re Winford Selzer, Cincinnati file 73-73. The closing phraseology in this letter is in violation of the provisions of the Manual of Rules and Regulations and such phraseology should be avoided in the future.

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Mr. L. C. Schilder.

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February 21, 1930.

Acting Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis approved the report rendered by Agent E. W. Golsen on January 25, 1930, in re Forrest Diehl, et al., Cincinnati file 52-81, although Agent Golsen failed to properly record statistical information on the abstract slips accompanying the same.

Only two copies of the report made by Agent W. A. Bolan, under date of January 31, 1930, in re Glenn A. Weyhoff, Cincinnati file 17-19, were sent to the Bureau, although this was a Veterans Bureau Matter and under the provisions of the Manual of Rules and Regulations three copies should have been transmitted to the Bureau. Acting Agent in Charge Purvis also approved this report.

The Bureau has received a copy of a letter which you dispatched under date of February 5, 1930, to the Postmaster at Crawfordsville, Indiana. This letter does not contain the Title of the case to which it refers or any other means of identification.

In his report of February 8, 1930, in re Raymond Miller, your file 62-529, it appears that Agent W. A. Bolan unnecessarily quoted an entire letter, the original of which is in the files of the Bureau.

Only one copy of the report made by Agent E. W. Golsen, under date of February 9, 1930, in re Blaine Dutton Condiff, with aliases, et al., your file 26-1265, was forwarded to the Office of Origin, Detroit.

Your attention is being invited to these errors in reports emanating from the Cincinnati Office in order that you may exercise every precaution to prevent the occurrence of similar errors in the future.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director.

JF:EMS

February 24, 1930.

Memorandum for Mr. Sarnborger, Appointment Clerk:

Please prepare the necessary letters promoting the following employees of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>From Grade</u>	<u>To Grade</u>	<u>From Salary</u>	<u>To Salary</u>
S. S. Christensen	Special Agent	CAF-3	CAF-3	\$2900	\$3000
E. R. Cushing	" "	CAF-3	CAF-3	\$2900	\$3000
H. Larimer	" "	CAF-9	CAF-9	\$3200	\$3300
A. Peters	Stenographer	CAF-3	CAF-3	\$1600	\$1600
E. McManara	" "	CAF-4	CAF-4	\$1980	\$2040
M. H. Purvis	Special Agent	CAF-9	CAF-9	\$3200	\$3400
O. G. Hall	" "	CAF-3	CAF-3	\$2900	\$3000
J. S. Johnson	" "	CAF-3	CAF-3	\$2900	\$3000
C. Berareuter	Stenographer	CAF-3	CAF-3	\$1800	\$1800
H. E. Andersen	Special Agent	CAF-3	CAF-3	\$2000	\$2100
D. Rees	Stenographer	CAF-3	CAF-3	\$1600	\$1740
B. E. Sackett	Special Agent	CAF-3	CAF-3	\$2900	\$3000

The above changes are to be made effective March 1, 1930, payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes." FIELD.

Director

Approved:

Assistant Attorney General.

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Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
1418 Enquirer Building,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

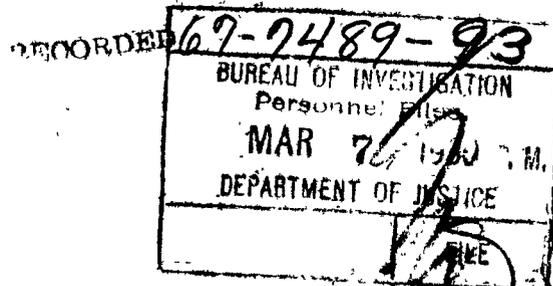
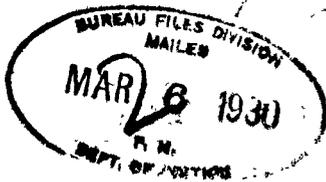
Dear Mr. Purvis:-

It is with pleasure that I am enclosing  
herewith the letter of the Assistant Attorney Gen-  
eral advising you of your promotion from \$3200.00  
to \$3400.00 per annum, effective March 1, 1930.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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February 27, 1930.

Mr. W. W. Purvis,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice.

S i r:

Your salary as Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation, is hereby increased from \$3200 per annum to \$3400 per annum in Grade Caf-9, effective March 1, 1930, and payable from the appropriation "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes", FIELD.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

(Signed) Charles P. Sisson

Assistant Attorney General

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Cincinnati, Ohio  
March 10, 1930.

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Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the following errors:

File 26-1564. / **Harry Lane - FUGITIVE**  
In your letter of Jan. 24, 1930, addressed to the  
U.S. Attorney, Indianapolis, you used the complimentary close  
"cordially yours", which conflicts with the Manual provisions.

**Cls Rodenburg**

File 26-1614. / Copy of your letter of Jan. 30th, addressed to the  
Postoffice Inspector at Indianapolis was not sent to the Bureau.

File 26-1689 **Wm Eggers et al.** Copy of your letter of Jan. 27th to  
the Postmaster at Bloomington, Ind., was not sent to the Bureau.

File 26-1017 **Francis W. Hill with aliases.** Copy of your letter of Jan.  
24th, addressed to Postmaster at Ferdinand, Ind. not sent to Bureau.

File 49-153 **John L. Griffith -FUGITIVE et al.** Copy of serial 36,  
letter addressed to Postmaster at Oakland City, Ind., not sent to  
the Bureau.

Please exercise every precaution to prevent a recurrence of the  
above.

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Very truly yours,

L. C. Schiker,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice.  
Bureau of Investigation

1420 Enquirer Bldg.  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

March 11, 1930.



PERSONAL

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thank you sincerely for your recent letter advising me of an increase in salary. It is, indeed, appreciated and I want to assure you that my new assignment in Chicago will receive my very best efforts.

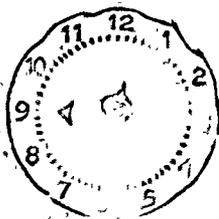
Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS.  
Special Agent.

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1420 Enquirer Bldg.  
Cincinnati, Ohio

March 17, 1930



Mr. E.J. Connelley,  
P. O. Box #1405,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith, personnel file of Special Agent M. H. Purvis who left Cincinnati for Chicago on transfer, last night.

I am taking the liberty of preparing an efficiency rating on Agent Purvis on the 31st instant inasmuch as he has spent over 90% of the last rating period attached to this office. I will send you the copy of the rating when prepared.

Very truly yours,

L. C. SCHILDER,  
Special Agent in Charge



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March 20, 1930.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
P. O. Box 1405,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

The Bureau notes that in an examination conducted by Inspector Tolson with a view to ascertaining your knowledge of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, you received a grade of 82%, and on the Manual of Instructions, you received a grade of 80%.

The Bureau desires to state that this showing is unsatisfactory and that it expects an immediate improvement.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC - SAC Connelley.

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1420 Equitree Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

March 28, 1930.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
P. O. Box 1405,  
Chicago, Ill.

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CHIEF CLERK

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith Bureau and your copy of Agent Purple's current efficiency rating, and beg to request that you kindly fill in the spaces on page one thereof, which information does not appear in my administrative files. Please forward the original rating to the Bureau thereafter. I have not retained a copy of this here.

Very truly yours,

L. C. SCHILDER,  
Special Agent In Charge

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cc Bureau

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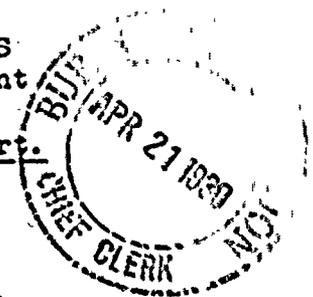


April 17th, 1930

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent

30 day report.



Dear Sir:

Special Agent M. H. Purvis has been at the Chicago office for the past thirty days, and during such time has been acting as Assistant Special Agent in Charge. He is a willing and intelligent worker, and has the best interests of the Bureau at heart at all times, and endeavors to promote such interests by his untiring efforts.

He is reasonably accurate, and as he becomes more familiar with the cases of the office and the general routine as covered here, I believe he will be a valuable man. He has a fair comprehension of the Bureau's work and the various matters which come to the attention of an office. His rating as previously given by the Cincinnati office of 90.2 is possibly high, judging from my observations to date. I would probably rate him at about 87 percent.

This agent is intelligent, and has a fair address in approaching people, although he is not of the rugged type who impresses one as being a forceful character. I believe that he will develop with experience and warrant the responsibility.

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Very truly yours,  
*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.  
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P. O. Box 1405,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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April 19, 1930.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

*M. H. Purvis*

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Replying to your letter dated April 1,  
1930, the writer desires to submit the following sug-  
gestions:

1. In all cases where telegrams are trans-  
mitted by one field office to another  
field office, a confirmation copy shall  
be forwarded to the receiving office on  
the sending date.
2. Employees, when preparing matter of any  
kind which is to be placed in the files  
of the Bureau, or any field office, shall  
in all cases wherever possible and pract-  
icable, use letter size paper in order  
that all files may be kept uniform.
3. Immediately upon receipt of an Apprehension  
Order at field offices, the Identification  
Order to which it pertains shall be with-  
drawn from the file and, with the Appre-  
hension Order attached, shall be placed in  
a separate file or compartment. This will  
enable the various field offices to tell at  
any time what Identification Orders are out-  
standing. This suggestion is made because  
of the fact that the number of Identification  
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so.

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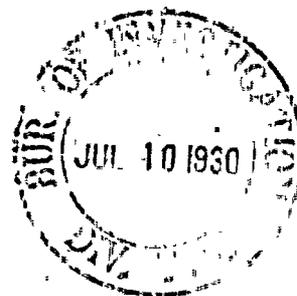
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Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis,  
Special Agent

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

P. O. BOX 1405  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



July 1, 1930

Director  
Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Section 33 and amendment thereto of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, my personnel status is herewith submitted.

A - Marital Status:  
Single.

B - Names of societies or organizations with which connected:  
Kappa Alpha (Southern) College Fraternity.

C - Legal Residence:  
Timmons ville, South Carolina.

D - Education:  
University of South Carolina - LL. B. Degree.

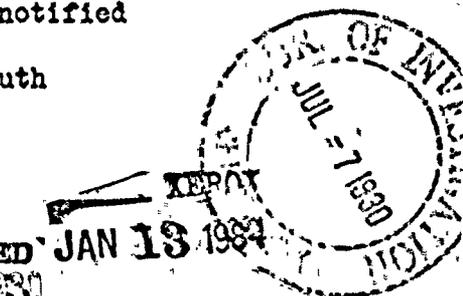
E - Name, address, and relationship of person to be notified in case of emergency:  
Father - M. H. Purvis, Timmons ville, South Carolina.

F - Offices where assignment preferred  
No preference.

Very truly yours, JUL 1 1930

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent



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Inspector Egan stated he is about an average Agent but has no executive ability. In February, 1930, he made 100% on both Manuals, at which time Mr. Egan stated he is a good man for Assistant Agent in Charge at Chicago, but he could not handle an office himself. Inspector Tolson recommends no change.

I concur.

15. SPECIAL AGENT L. T. FLUMMER. Efficiency rating, 91.9%. Salary - \$3800.00. Mr. Hughes, who prepared this rating, states he is still the best antitrust agent in the Bureau and that he disagrees with the inspectors who state that he is mentally slow. He entered on duty in 1917. He was last promoted in May, 1929. His ability to handle bankruptcy has not yet been determined, although it appears that all of his time has been spent in handling antitrust work. In March, 1930, he made 85% on the Manual of Instructions and 54% on the Manual of Rules and Regulations, at which time Inspector Egan said he was slow, is getting deaf and is not average. Inspector Cullen concurred. In April, he made 87% on the Manual of Instructions and 100% on the Manual of Rules and Regulations. Inspectors Egan and Cullen reported he is slowing up and while he is capable of handling Antitrust investigations, they do not believe he is qualified as an all around agent. Inspector Tolson recommends a rating of 84% and no increase in salary.

I concur. This reduction may be based upon his poor Manual ratings in March, 1930.

16. SPECIAL AGENT M. H. PURVIS. Efficiency rating, 90.2%. Salary - \$3400.00. Agent in Charge Schilder, who prepared this rating, speaks favorably of him and says that he has only one major fault, that is, being over-confident. He entered on duty in 1927. He was last promoted March, 1930. His ability to handle bankruptcy has not yet been determined. He is qualified to handle antitrust cases. In December, 1929, Inspectors Keith and Cullen stated Purvis is above the average as an agent. In March, 1930, he made 86% on the Manual of Instructions, and 82% on the Manual of Rules and Regulations, at which time Inspector Tolson stated he is energetic, interested and loyal. Since March, 1930, Purvis has been acting as Assistant Agent in Charge at Chicago. In April, 1930, Mr. Connelley stated he was handling his work satisfactorily and would develop with experience. In May, he exhibited poor judgment in a controversy with Accountant Paulson concerning leave. Inspector Tolson recommends that since Purvis does not handle bankruptcy work, his rating be reduced to 84%, but he believes that his high duties entitle him to a higher salary and he recommends he be promoted to \$3600.00.

(Excerpt from Memo to Director dated 7-1-30 from Mr. Nathan)

I would recommend an increase of only \$100.00, to \$3500.00, and no change in rating, inasmuch as his inability to handle bankruptcy work as has been reported is due to a lack of supervision rather than the fault of this Agent.

17. SPECIAL AGENT SAMUEL RUDER. Efficiency rating, 79.45%. Salary - \$2900.00. Agent in Charge Connelley says this Agent's development has been satisfactory; that he will develop into an average agent, but will show no particular qualifications. He is qualified to handle bankruptcy. He entered on duty in March, 1929. In November, 1929, he made 80% on the Manual of Instructions and 90% on the Manual of Rules and Regulations. At that time Inspector Egan stated he was about average. In February, 1930, he made 90% on both Manuals. Mr. Egan stated he presents a fair appearance, is interested and is a hard worker; that he has no executive ability. Connelley stated at that time that Ruder was getting good results but is not especially brilliant. Reports of this Agent have been criticized for errors of form and he has received memoranda concerning his output of work. Inspector Tolson recommends, in view of Mr. Connelley's comments, no increase at the present time and no change in rating.

I concur, but would suggest a special report from Connelley, inasmuch as this Agent has been in the service over a year and apparently has not merited an increase.

18. SPECIAL AGENT M. P. SCANLAN. Efficiency rating, 78.3%. Salary - \$2900.00. Agent in Charge Connelley says this agent is energetic, intelligent and that he is developing satisfactorily. His ability to handle bankruptcy has not yet been determined. He entered on duty in March, 1929. In December, 1929, he made 97 1/3% on the Manual of Instructions, and 87 1/2% on the Manual of Rules and Regulations. At that time Inspectors Egan and Tolson stated he appears to be mentally alert, aggressive and interested. In February, 1930, he made 91% on the Manual of Instructions and 100% on the Manual of Rules and Regulations, at which time Inspector Egan stated he is willing, interested and will develop. In May, he engaged in a controversy with Acting Agent in Charge Purvis over a correction in a report and the Bureau censured him for the poor judgment he exhibited. Inspector Tolson stated that in view thereof, he would suggest no promotion at this time.

I concur.

19. SPECIAL AGENT H. M. SLATER. Efficiency rating, 77.75%. Salary - \$2900.00. Agent in Charge Connelley says this man has shown fair development and is a little self-satisfied but should make a satisfactory Agent. His ability to handle bankruptcy has not yet been determined.

15. Special Agent L. T. Plummer                      CAF 10                      \$3600.00

91.9%. Mr. Hughes, who prepared this rating, says Plummer is still the best Antitrust Agent in the Bureau, and he disagrees with the Inspectors who have stated that Plummer is mentally slow. He says Plummer has an excellent mind, which functions smoothly, quickly and effectively; that Plummer is slightly deaf and appears to be physically slow. Plummer has been in the service since 1917, and was last promoted in May, 1929. Mr. Hughes rated him at 93.8% in October, 1929, and says the rating has been reduced because of his showing on the Manuals. His ability to handle bankruptcy work has never been determined, although it appears that practically all of his time has been spent in handling trust work. In March, 1930, he made 63% in a test on the Manual of Instructions and 54% on the Manual of Rules and Regulations, at which time Mr. Egan stated he is slow, is getting deaf and is not an average Agent, Mr. Cullen concurring in this statement. In April, he made 97.3% on the Manual of Instructions and 100% on the Manual of Rules and Regulations, Inspectors Egan and Cullen reporting that he is slowing up, and while he is capable of handling Antitrust investigations, they do not believe he could qualify as an all around Agent on general assignments. I suggest a rating of 84% and no increase in salary.

16. Special Agent M. H. Purvis                      CAF 9                      \$3400.00

90.2%. Agent in Charge Schilder, who prepared this rating, regards Purvis very highly; says he has improved in all respects and has only one major fault--that of being overconfident. Purvis has been in the service since 1927, and was last promoted in March, 1930. His ability to handle bankruptcy work has never been determined. He can handle Antitrust cases. Inspectors Keith and Cullen, in December, stated that they considered Purvis above the average as an Agent. He attended the training school for Agents in Charge in January. In March, he made 86% on the Manual of Instructions, and 82% on the Manual of Rules and Regulations, at which time Inspector Tolson stated Purvis is energetic, interested and loyal, and that he was impressed with his improvement since his transfer from the position of Chief Clerk. Since March, Purvis has been acting as Assistant Agent in Charge at Chicago. In April Mr. Connelley stated he was handling his work satisfactorily, and would develop with experience and warrant further responsibility. In May, he exhibited poor judgment in engaging in a controversy at Chicago with Accountant Paulson concerning a question of leave. Since Purvis does not handle bankruptcy work, it is suggested his rating be reduced to 84%, but I believe that his high duties entitle him to a higher salary, and recommend that he be promoted to \$3600.00 per year.

JRP:KCC

July 7, 1930.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. STAMMERS - AUTOMATICALLY CLASSIFIED

Please prepare the necessary papers promoting the following employees of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice:

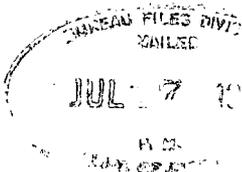
NAME	TITLE	FROM GRADE	TO GRADE	FROM SALARY	TO SALARY
E. P. Allen	Special Agent	GA1-0	GA1-0	\$2900	\$3000
E. H. Johnson	" "	GA1-0	GA1-0	2900	3000
D. H. Ladd	" "	GA1-0	GA1-0	3000	3100
H. E. Purvix	" "	GA1-0	GA1-10	3400	3550
L. G. Tushnet	" "	GA1-0	GA1-0	2900	3000
V. C. Zimmer	" "	GA1-0	GA1-0	2900	3000

The above changes to be made effective July 15, 1930, payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crime," FIELD.

Director.

Approved:

Assistant Attorney General.



CT:ACS

June 6, 1930.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I beg to refer to your memorandum of May 23, 1930, concerning the controversy between Acting Agent in Charge Purvis and Acting Principal Accountant Paulson of the Chicago Bureau Office relating to the question of the submission of an application for leave by Accountant Paulson for one hour on May 7, 1930, on the afternoon of which date Mr. Paulson left the office for a few minutes because of a headache.

While in Chicago on May 31, 1930, I talked with Agent Purvis and Accountant Paulson and informed each of them that the Bureau is of the opinion that they exhibited poor judgment in this matter and that the Bureau did not care to dignify the matter by making any ruling concerning the question of leave in this instance. The employees admitted that they showed bad judgment in connection with this matter and stated they were sorry the matter had been referred to the Bureau. I suggest the matter be considered closed, but that copies of the correspondence relative to this controversy be placed in the personnel files of Agent Purvis and Accountant Paulson.

Respectfully,

Clyde A. Tolson,  
Inspector.

67-6099-64

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May 26, 1930.

Mr. M. P. Scanlan,  
P. O. Box 1405,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

The Bureau is in receipt of reports, including a summary of Agent in Charge Connelley of the Chicago Office, relative to a controversy which occurred between you and Acting Agent in Charge Purvis, as referred to in your memorandum of May 7th.

The Bureau feels that you are subject to specific censure for at least the poor judgment exhibited by you, which enabled the impression to be gained that you were belligerent and argumentative. Under no circumstances will the Bureau tolerate any attitude of insubordination or anything connected therewith in the dealings of an Agent with his official superior. Instructions of Agents in Charge or those acting in their stead, should be obeyed by the Bureau's Agents without question and immediately. Should any such instructions be considered improper, the Bureau's Rules and Regulations provide fully for action to be taken by Agents for their protection and guidance.

The Bureau believes that you were unduly argumentative in this matter. The Bureau is willing to accept your statement that you did not intend to be insubordinate. If this statement had not been accepted, you would have been subject to immediate dismissal.

The Bureau desires to caution you against a recurrence of a similar incident.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC - SAC

67-11225-31

POST OFFICE BOX 1405  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

May 19th, 1930

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: M.P. SCANLAN  
Special Agent.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 12, 1930, in which reference is made to letter of Acting Special Agent in Charge Purvis, Chicago, to you, under date of May 7th, 1930, forwarded under Personal and Confidential cover enclosing copy of a memorandum to Agent Scanlan under date of May 7th, 1930, and memorandum answer of Agent Scanlan dated May 7th, 1930.

I have talked with both Mr. Purvis and Agent Scanlan as to this, Mr. Purvis having called same to my attention upon my return to Chicago. However reply has been delayed due to the fact that Agent Scanlan has been out on the road on assignment.

The main point at issue between Mr. Purvis and Mr. Scanlan, judging from both of their statements, is the correction which was directed as to the first paragraph of the report. This change while it was not especially material to the case or clarity of the report, should have been made by Agent Scanlan without any further question, when it was pointed out to him. The correction directed covered the wording of the first sentence of the first paragraph of the summary report under discussion, and either of the two methods outlined to Agent Scanlan by Mr. Purvis as to the wording of this sentence would have been correct and in better form than as first submitted. This correction was only directed in view of certain

HN:JG

May 17, 1930.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

With regard to the attached communications from Special Accountant Paulson and Special Agent Purvis, I beg to state that Mr. Hughes and I have reviewed the letters in question. We cannot, at this time, pass on Mr. Purvis' statement that Mr. Paulson misquoted him. The whole mess is a trifling matter which does not reflect great credit upon the judgment of either party to the controversy.

The facts would appear to be that during the afternoon of May 7th, Mr. Paulson stepped into the office of Acting Agent in Charge Purvis and stated he had a headache and desired to step out for the purpose of obtaining something to relieve it. Mr. Purvis told him he might do so. Mr. Paulson then stated that due to the fact that he had worked several nights for several hours he did not think it would be necessary to submit an application for leave. Mr. Purvis advised him it would be necessary to submit application for sick or annual leave. The latter statement is subject to some dispute to the extent that Mr. Paulson says Mr. Purvis, instead of telling him that before he went out of the office, told him when he returned to the office. The time at issue appears to be twenty-five minutes, from 3:55 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is so stated by Mr. Paulson. Mr. Purvis states Mr. Paulson told him he had been absent twenty minutes, a difference of five minutes.

The whole affair is, of course, petty in the extreme. Purvis in our opinion, need not have required the submission of any leave slip. Paulson, in the usual pompous, picayune manner of a number of accountants, first raised the issue, apparently, by referring to his overtime. Overtime, of course, cannot be balanced against leave. Both individuals should develop considerable maturity. The situation is so small that it does not appear to be necessary for the Bureau to pass upon it. It should never have been submitted to the Bureau. Naturally, it is difficult for the Bureau in writing to say that an individual shall be granted leave without a record thereof in the form of a formal request. For this reason, I believe that the matter should be given to an Inspector to adjust when next in Chicago. The Inspector should tell both individuals that it is too small a matter for the Bureau to dignify by any form of ruling.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

See 67-6099-61

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60-1510-141

April 28, 1930.

*K. M. H. Purvis*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

With reference to the attached letter from Inspector Egan and its enclosure, consisting of a statement made by Agent George O'Dougherty, dated April 23rd., with regard to information which he received from Mr. Stickler, Treasurer of the National Dairy Products Corporation, concerning the use of the questionnaire by Agents of the Bureau in conducting an investigation in Cleveland, Ohio, last summer and fall, I desire to advise that this matter came to my attention last summer and was immediately taken up with the Columbus office of the Bureau. Special Agent Plummer reported to me that the President of the National Dairy Products Corporation in New York had spoken to him concerning this matter; that he felt somewhat aggrieved because he had cooperated with the Agents to the fullest extent; that he felt that the promiscuous use of the questionnaire reflected on their methods of business.

67-380-134

It was ascertained that the name of Special Agent Purvis was on the questionnaire and the matter was immediately taken up with the Columbus office. Agent Purvis submitted a statement to the effect that he had not prepared any formal questionnaires and could not understand how a questionnaire bearing his name could have fallen into the hands of any person or persons interviewed by him. He did state that he had prepared an informal list of interrogatories for his guidance in conducting these interviews but could not conceive of how such an informal memorandum might have fallen into the hands of any of the persons interested.

Respectfully,

V.W. Hughes.

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April 25, 1930.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
P. O. Box 1405,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of April 19th, in response to invitation extended in Bureau letter of April 1st to submit suggestions or expressions relative to changes in Bureau rules and policies which may be considered desirable.

I desire to thank you for the suggestions in question and to state that they will receive careful consideration.

Very truly yours,

Director.

JER:KP

July 7, 1930

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

With reference to the memorandum of Mr. Tolson of June 27th, and to your memorandum of July 1st, concerning the efficiency rating of Special Agent M. H. Purvis, you are advised that the rating of 90.2 is approved, and this employee has been recommended for an increase to Grade Caf-10, \$3600.00.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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BUREAU OF

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**EFFICIENCY RATING SHEET**

Office submitting Cincinnati, Ohio

Date submitted March 31, 1930

Name of employee M. H. Purvis Special Agent CAF 9 \$3400.00  
(Title) (Grade) (Salary)

Entered Bureau service February 4, 1927 Entered on duty this office June 20, 1929  
(Date) (Date)

Consider carefully these definitions, keep them in mind when rating, and compare the employee with all others in the same position for the entire service:

- INFERIOR (0-59%)..... EXCEPTIONALLY POOR performance of duty; EXCEPTIONALLY LACKING in qualification considered.
- UNSATISFACTORY (60-74%)... Duty NOT performed AS WELL AS SHOULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED under circumstances; not satisfactory.
- SATISFACTORY (75-84%)..... EFFICIENT; duty WELL PERFORMED; UP TO STANDARD; qualification SATISFACTORY.
- EXCELLENT (85-92%)..... Duty performed in a HIGHLY EFFICIENT MANNER; qualification BETTER THAN usually accepted as SATISFACTORY.
- SUPERIOR (93-100%)..... PREEMINENTLY EFFICIENT performance of duty; qualified to a PREEMINENT DEGREE.

To what degree has he exhibited the following qualifications? Consider him in comparison with others in the same position for the entire service.

	GRADE	RELATIVE WEIGHT	TOTAL
KNOWLEDGE: Extent of information concerning all duties of his position; ability to analyze cases; practical application of intelligence and educational training; readiness of comprehension.....	90	7	630
JUDGMENT: Common sense; ability to think clearly and arrive at logical conclusions; tact.....	92	4	368
INITIATIVE: Trait of beginning needed work or taking appropriate action on own responsibility in absence of orders.....	90	1	90
FORCE: Aggressiveness; faculty of performing work with vigor and resolution.....	84	1	84
INDUSTRY: Physical activity; application to work; health; energy.....	87	1	87
ACCURACY: Attention to details; thoroughness; precision.....	88	1	88
PERSONAL APPEARANCE: Impression made on others; personality; neatness.....	93	1	93
PAPER WORK: Reporting; marshalling facts; dictating.....	92	2	184
ATTITUDE TOWARD WORK: Attention to duty; loyalty to the service; amenability to discipline; dependability.....	100		100
EXECUTIVE CAPACITY: Executive ability; leadership; capacity to direct, control, and influence others in proper performance of duties.....	80		80
TOTAL (divide by 20)			1804
			90.2

(OVER)

Rec. of 10<sup>th</sup> 3600 RATING.....  
7/7/20 J. E. H.

In arriving at the above rating for an employee, consider each of the ten qualifications separately. In the column headed "Grade" give a separate rating between 0 and 100% for each qualification, as explained at the beginning of the sheet under definitions of Inferior, Unsatisfactory, Satisfactory, Excellent, and Superior. Then multiply each separate grade given in each separate qualification by the respective number indicated in the column headed "Relative Weight." Extend the figure obtained for each separate qualification into the column headed "Total." Add all the figures in the column headed "Total" and divide this sum by 20 to arrive at the final rating:

REMARKS:—

(Under this heading shall be set forth a digest of criticisms and conditions of significance which will reflect deficiencies, meritorious features, and special qualifications or disqualifications.)

I regard this agent very highly. During the last six months' rating period I believe that he has improved in his work, both field and office, i.e., he has handled the desk as acting SAC with greater efficiency, although he still needs a little training on this score. His work in the field has been very good - qualified to handle any type of case.

In my opinion, this agent has one <sup>major</sup> fault, the existence of which he is aware and which he is striving to correct. It is, that he is possessed of great confidence in himself, even to a fault. He sometimes is reluctant to ask questions, possibly through fear of displaying lack of knowledge he should possess. If oversights of this type which result in errors on his part are brought to his attention strongly, he will become a more valuable employee.

If deficiencies or disqualifications have been noted under "Remarks," have you brought them to the attention of the employee prior to the rendition of this rating? Yes.....

*W. Schilder*

Rating Officer.

P. O. Box 1405,  
Chicago, Ill.

July 11, 1930.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: William Sowa;  
Natl. Motor Vehicle Theft Act;  
Chicago File #26-2540.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 9, 1930, wherein the attention of this office is directed to the parole report of Agent Little dated May 29, 1930. It is noted that under character of the case, the words "National Motor Vehicle Theft Act" appear, rather than the words "Parole Report", and this matter has been called to the attention of Agent Little, and care will be exercised in the future to avoid the recurrence of same.

Further reference is made to the part of your letter wherein it is noted that reports emanating from this office during the past month appear to bear date of two weeks or more after the period covered by the investigation reported. The stenographic situation here has been improved, and further steps will be taken immediately in order that no further delay will be incurred in the writing of reports.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS<sup>o</sup>  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT

Mr. Owen

Mr. Tolson

Mr. Egan

Mr. Clegg

Mr. Glavin

Mr. Ladd

Mr. Nichols

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Tracy

Mr. Carson

Mr. Coffey

Mr. Hendon

Mr. Jones

Mr. Quinn

Mr. Nease

Miss Gandy

FBI: ACS

July 18, 1930.

Mr. Melvin E. Purvis, Jr.,  
P. O. Box 1408,  
Chicago, Illinois.

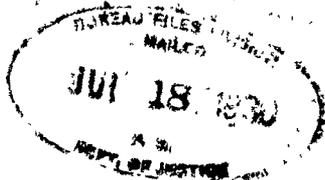
Dear Mr. Purvis:-

It is with pleasure that I am enclosing  
herewith the letter of the Assistant Attorney Gen-  
eral advising you of your promotion from \$3400.00  
to \$3600.00 per annum, effective July 16, 1930.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl.



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July 10, 1950.

Mr. Melvin E. Purvis, Jr.,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice.

Sir:

Your salary as Special Agent of the Bureau of Investigation, is hereby increased from \$3400 per annum in Grade Caf-9 to \$5400 per annum in Grade Caf-10, effective July 10, 1950, and payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crime," FIELD.

On account of the change in Grade, you should execute the required oath of office.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

(Signed) Charles P. Sisson  
Assistant Attorney General.

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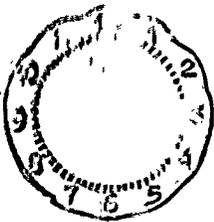


July 24th, 1930.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 18th, 1930,  
advising me of increase in salary, from \$3400.00 per  
annum in Grade CAF-9, to \$3600.00 per annum, in Grade  
CAF 10, there is enclosed herewith in duplicate the re-  
quired Oath of Office duly executed by me.



JUL 23 1930

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge.

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I, MELVIN H. PURVIS, Junior, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies; foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of  
SPECIAL AGENT, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

(Sign here) *Melvin H. Purvis Jr.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ) Where born (State only) South Carolina  
..... *24<sup>th</sup>* ..... day ) Date of birth: October 24th, 1903.  
ofl. *July* ..... A.D. 1930 ) Whence appointed:  
State: South Carolina County: Florence  
Congressional District: Sixth

*Helen Dumbel*  
.....  
Notary Public.

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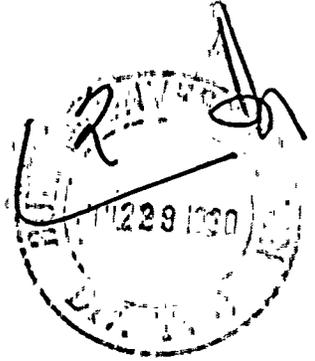
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Residence: Timmonsville, South Carolina.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

POST OFFICE BOX 1405  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



July 24th, 1930

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I desire to thank you sincerely for your recent letter, advising me of my promotion from \$3400.00 to \$3600.00 per annum. Please be assured that this is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

*M. H. Purvis*

MELVIN H. PURVIS, Jr.  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge.

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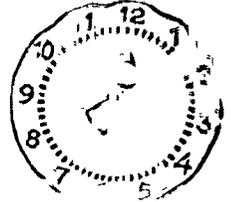
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Director,  
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Washington, D.C.



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Mr. Tracy	Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan	Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn	Mr. Nease
Mr. Nease	Miss Gandy
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Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to Bureau letter of August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1930, addressed to the Chicago office, as to the matter of reporting on certain personnel as to capabilities of handling Bankruptcy work.

As to Special Agent MELVIN H. PURVIS, he has been acting since here as Assistant Special Agent in Charge, and during such time has had occasion to pass for approval numerous Bankruptcy investigative reports of the various Agents here, and his suggestions as to further investigation necessary on same, criticisms as to the activities already had on such cases, and other corrections, have indicated a very thorough knowledge of the Bankruptcy law and Bureau requirements as to reports and investigations, and a basic knowledge of what is required from an investigative viewpoint. I would not hesitate to assign him to any Bankruptcy case for individual investigation, and I am satisfied that he can handle same thoroughly, with a minimum of supervision.

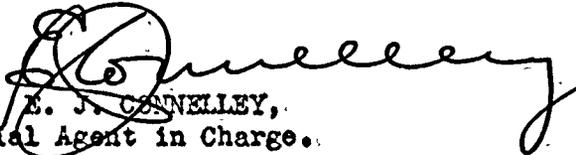
However, should the Bureau believe it necessary he could be assigned to an original case, to run out same in its entirety, which of course will have to be held in abeyance until after Mr. Clegg arrives here, Agent Purvis now being Acting Special Agent in Charge. It is noted from the personnel file of this Agent that reports as to his Bankruptcy work

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in the Cincinnati Office are not complete, although I understand that he completed certain investigations of this kind while assigned to such office.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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other material and necessary changes, which were directed and which required the re-writing of the report. I have talked with Agent Scanlan and impressed upon him the necessity of complying with all instructions given. Agent Scanlan insists that the statement of the affair as covered in his memorandum is correct, as to just what he said as to seeing an Inspector concerning the point at issue. However I talked with Special Agent T.F. Mullen who happened to be in the office a short time during the conversation between Agent Purvis and Agent Scanlan and Mr. Mullen advises me that as he recalls Mr. Scanlan made some remark to the effect that he would like to go to the Inspectors on this, which would seem to verify Agent Purvis' quoting of the wording used by Agent Scanlan. This particular expression of Agent Scanlan is the only one in question between them as to what actually occurred on this date. Agent Scanlan did say to me that possibly he and Mr. Purvis became a little angry at the time this was discussed, due to their difference of opinion as to what was necessary in the report. I have given Agent Scanlan a clear understanding that there cannot be any question as to the matter of authority when anyone is acting in my absence. I do not believe he would have gone this far with me. However I have noted a slightly belligerent attitude in Agent Scanlan when discussing matters when he meets with opposition as to what he believes to be correct and necessary. However this attitude has never been of such nature as would warrant calling his attention to it prior to this time. I believe that Agent Scanlan has profited by this and that there will not be occasion to call his attention to anything of the kind in the future.

The matter in question was very trivial, except for the possible insubordinate attitude which Agent Purvis construed Agent Scanlan as taking at the time he was directed to make the necessary corrections in the report. However Agent Scanlan advises me that he did not intend to be insubordinate, as previously indicated in his memorandum, and has again offered apology for the situation, if his actions were construed as being insubordinate.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CAA:FRS

August 7, 1930.

Mr. H. H. Clegg,  
P. O. Box 1405,  
Chicago, Ill.

*M. H. Tervis*

Dear Sir:

For a number of years the Bureau has been endeavoring to determine the ability of each of its Agents to perform bankruptcy investigations. In the case of some Agents it has been difficult to obtain any reports, and when reports have been received, they have been based on general opinion, without an adequate study of the work of the Agents on actual cases. Some Agents in Charge have apparently been reluctant to advance an adverse opinion when true facts should have been clear but were not disclosed to the Bureau until after being brought to its attention by the mishandling of actual cases, or reports by Inspectors or Agents in Charge of other districts. This has been true of some of the oldest Agents in the service, but it would also seem that prompt steps are not being taken after the new Agents report to ascertain their ability in bankruptcy cases. It would seem that such a report should be submitted in almost every instance within three months after the Agent's entry on duty.

The Bureau feels that its inability to secure reports promptly may be due to a lack of knowledge of bankruptcy requirements, a lack of administrative ability, or an attempt to evade a disagreeable duty. The Bureau desires that there be no misunderstanding among the Agents in Charge of its views in the matter.

In order that the exact situation with reference to each Agent may be clearly understood, you are requested to review the personnel file of each of the Agents listed below and forward a statement showing the approximate length of time the Agent has been in your district, the dates when you submitted reports, the status of the matter at the present time, what arrangements are now in force which will enable you to submit final reports, and the date such final reports will be forwarded.

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In connection with the above, some Agents in Charge have stated that Agents have been investigating cases of a suitable character and that they are only waiting for completion of reports, or the action of the Grand Jury or the United States Attorney. While, of course, you should consider the ability of the Agents to submit the proper reports without the necessity of close supervision, the Bureau does not consider that the action of the Grand Jury or the decision of the United States Attorney as to prosecution should be a determining factor. You should be able to observe the manner in which the Agent plans and conducts his investigation; the amount of knowledge he has displayed and the amount of supervision that has been necessary; and reach a determination on these factors. It is the method of development of the facts that are available and not the kind of facts found which determines the ability of the Agent.

The above statement is desired by the Bureau not later than August ~~22~~, 1930.

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The records of the Bureau show that reports are required from you on the following Agents:

L.T. Plummer	M.H. Purvis
E.P. Allen	L.C. Taylor
A.M. Gladstein	
Hugh Larimer	
M.P. Scanlan	

Very truly yours,

Director.

JEH:MO'B

August 22, 1930.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
P. O. Box 1408,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

It is with pleasure that I am enclosing herewith the letter of the Assistant Attorney General advising you of your promotion from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per annum, effective August 16, 1930.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

Director.

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August 16, 1930.

Mr. Melvin R. Purdie,  
Bureau of Investigation.

Sir:

Your salary as a Special Agent in the Bureau of Investigation, is hereby increased from \$3600 per annum to \$4000 per annum, in Grade GS-610, effective August 16, 1930, and payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes".

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

(Signed) Charles P. Sisson

Assistant Attorney General.

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Mr. E. H. Clegg,  
P. O. Box 1408,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

In view of the letter of Special Agent  
in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated August 13, the  
name of Special Agent Melvin H. Purvis is being  
placed among those considered qualified to perform  
bankruptcy investigations.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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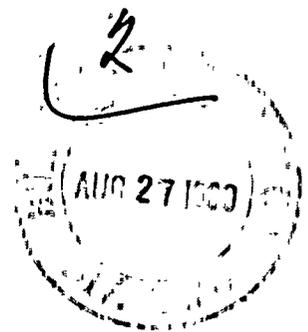
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U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 1405,  
Chicago, Ill.



August 25, 1930.

Personal

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to thank you for your recent letter in which you advised me of an increase in salary. Please be assured that I appreciate this very much.

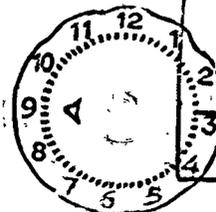
Very truly yours,

*Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.*  
Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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August 29, 1930.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Bureau of Investigation.

Sir:

Your salary as a Special Agent in the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, is hereby increased from \$4000 per annum, in Grade Caf-10, to \$4200 per annum, in Grade Caf-11, effective September 1, 1930, and payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes" FIELD.

On account of the change in Grade, you should enclose and return the enclosed oath of office.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

(Signed) Charles P. Sisson

Assistant Attorney General.

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September 8, 1930.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,<sup>o</sup>  
P. O. Box 436,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

It is with pleasure that I am enclosing  
herewith a letter of the Assistant Attorney General  
advising you of your promotion from Grade Caf-10,  
\$4000 per annum, to Grade Caf-11, \$4200 per annum,  
effective September 1, 1930.

Very truly yours,

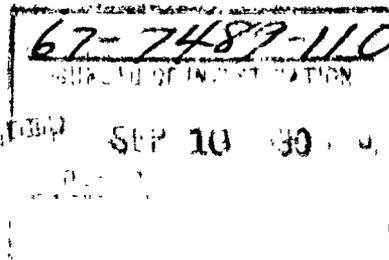
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August 29, 1930

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SORNEBORGER, APPOINTMENT CLERK

Please prepare the necessary papers promoting the following employees of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FROM GRADE</u>	<u>TO GRADE</u>	<u>FROM SALARY</u>	<u>TO SALARY</u>
D. H. Dickason	Special Agent	GAF-12	GAF-12	\$4800	\$3000
M. H. Purvis	" "	GAF-10	GAF-11	4000	4800

The above changes are to be made effective September 1, 1930, and to be payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes." FIELD.

Director.

Approved:

Assistant Attorney General.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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September 11, 1930.

PERSONAL

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I sincerely appreciate your  
recent letter advising me of an increase in  
salary. I am indeed grateful for this.

Very truly yours,

Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
P. O. Box 626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

September 11, 1930.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

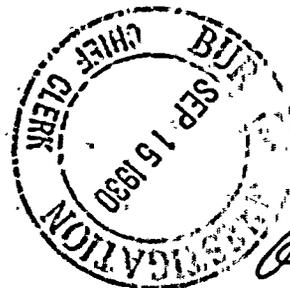
There are enclosed herewith oath of office executed in duplicate, in connection with my change in grade from CAF-10 to CAF-11.

Very truly yours,

Melvin H. Purvis, Jr. <sup>0</sup>  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. M. H. Purvis, Jr.,  
P. O. Box 686,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication  
dated September 11, 1930, transmitting your oath of office  
in Grade CAF-11.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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I, .....Melvin H. Purvis, Jr. .... do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of .....Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.....

on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

(Sign here) *Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ) Where born (State only) South Carolina

.....11th, .....day ) Date of birth October 24, 1903.

of .....September...A.D. 1930 ) Whence appointed:

State ...S.C... County...Florence  
Congressional District .Sixth..

*Rosalind M. Katz*  
Notary Public

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Date of entry upon duty .September 1, 1930.

Residence ..Timmonsville, South Carolina....

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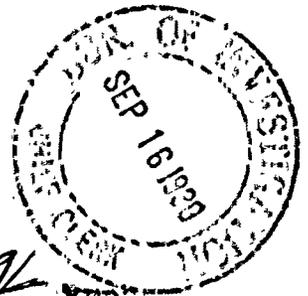
Director,  
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Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the personnel  
file of Acting Special Agent in Charge MELVIN H. PURVIS. 0

Very truly yours,

*H. H. Clegg*  
H. H. CLEGG,  
Special Agent in Charge.



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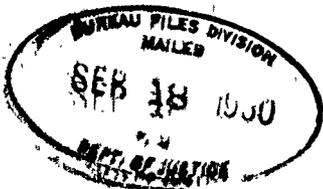
Mr. H. H. Clegg,  
P. O. Box 1406,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication  
dated September 12, 1930, transmitting the personnel  
file of Mr. Melvin H. Purvis, Special Agent.

Very truly yours,

Director.



TFC:KP

September 16, 1930

Mr. M. H. Purvis, Acting,  
P.O.Box 628,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires to call your attention to the report of Special Agent Bliss Morton, dated August 15, 1930, in the case of Ike J. Rubenstein, wherein the character of case is given as National Motor Vehicle Theft Act instead of National Bankruptcy Act. It is noted that this report was approved by former Agent in Charge Hollis.

During the past thirty days several reports emanated from your office, which appear to have been prepared some two weeks or more after the period covered by them.

The Bureau is calling your attention to these matters, in order that steps may be taken to prevent their recurrence in the future.

Very truly yours,

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September 19, 1930.

Mr. M. H. Purvis, <sup>O</sup>  
P. O. Box 626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio. <sup>X</sup>

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Dear Sir:

The following is quoted from the report of Inspector Cullen covering a recent inspection by said Inspector of the Chicago field office.

"During the preceding six or more months a practice was initiated by former Agent in Charge Connelley, continued by him, and by Acting Agent in Charge Purvis, of considering the number of closed cases made by the office on the 15th. day of each month. In the event the number did not appear to be large enough to maintain a good average of closed cases it was the policy to concentrate on matters which could be referred upon completion, and these matters, irrespective of the time received or their importance, were assigned for immediate and energetic attention. In the meantime cases in which Chicago was the office of origin were permitted to be shunted aside in order that the average of closed cases made by that office during the month might be high. During the month of August, the office closed 221 cases, of which 176 were referred upon completion, and 45 were cases in which Chicago was the office of origin. Of the cases referred upon completion, 83 of them were received during the month of August. On September 3, 1930, of 179 unassigned cases only 29 matters were leads from other offices.

The property of the Chicago office appeared to be in satisfactory condition. The general appearance, however, of the office was extremely untidy, disorderly, and bad. In the Agents' room there was a broken glass in one of the doors; there were numerous old typewriters scattered around on desk tops; the tops of some desks were littered with papers, typewriter covers, and old blotters. This was rather typical

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also of some of the other rooms in the office. I took Mr. Clegg around on the inspection of the appearance of the office and pointed out to him the foregoing conditions, and made suggestions as to how such conditions should be corrected. He indicated that steps would be immediately taken to make this office present a good appearance."

The Bureau desires, of course, to state that the procedure mentioned in the first paragraph quoted above is entirely incorrect. Under no circumstances does the Bureau desire, or will it permit, any procedure adopted for handling cases which has for its intention an artificial increase in statistics to be rendered to the Bureau of any kind or nature whatsoever. Investigations should be handled by an Agent in Charge in a manner governed by the exigencies of the individual cases and with no other object in mind.

Your attention is also invited to the expression of Inspector Cullen relative to the untidy and disorderly condition of the Chicago office.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Mr. Melvin H. Purvis,  
P.O. Box 626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of September 30, containing a suggestion which you submit for consideration with a view to a possible change in Bureau rules and policies.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for the courtesy and interest displayed by you in this matter, and to state that your suggestion will receive careful study.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. O. Box 626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

September 30, 1930.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated  
September 10, 1930, in which it was requested that  
suggestions or advice be submitted.

It is believed that the assignment cards  
upon which accounting investigations are to be made  
should be maintained in the same manner as that in  
which the Agent's assignment cards are handled. In  
this way the original assignment cards for account-  
ing cases could be made to serve the same purpose  
as that now served by the duplicates.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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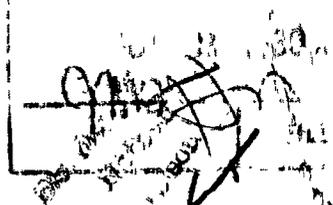
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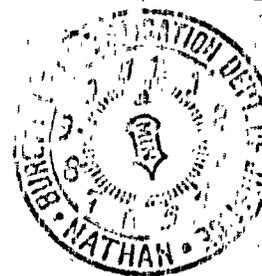
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Memorandum of telephone call from Mr. Purvis, at Cincinnati.

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Mr. Purvis said that developments at his home made it necessary for him to be there for a little while. Mr. Hoover said that would be all right, and asked who he would leave in charge. Mr. Purvis said Agent Hall could take charge. Mr. Purvis said he would be back in about a week.

Mr. Hoover said he had received the letter concerning Abrams and thought he would write a letter to Mr. Mau and tell him about Abrams' activities. Mr. Purvis said that he was trying to have Bolan remain there and if he wins out the office will be practically in his hands. Mr. Purvis wished to have Bolan report to him just what he is doing each day. Mr. Hoover said that would be proper. Mr. Hoover asked Mr. Purvis to let him have a memorandum concerning Agent Bolan. X

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October 10, 1930.

Agent in Charge,  
P. O. Box 626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

*M. H. Purvis*

Dear Sir:

In reviewing the Monthly Administrative Report of your office for September, I note that the average number of active assigned cases per agent is 21.18.

This might be excessively high, and I am writing to suggest that you review the condition, to make certain that your agents are not over-assigned.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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October 13, 1930.

Agent in Charge,  
P. O. Box 626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

*M. H. Purvis*

Dear Sir:

In the report of Agent Holm dated August 25, 1930 in the case of ARLINGTON O. HEATLEY ET AL, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, undue delay is shown between the period for which made and the date when made.

In the report of Agent Barber dated August 28, 1930 in the case of N. A. BELLE, White Slave Traffic Act, undue delay is shown between the period for which made and the date when made.

In the report of Agent Mullin dated August 29, 1930 in the case of WILLIAM STEVENS, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, the office where the report was made was omitted.

In the report of Agent Redford dated August 26, 1930 in the case of JOHN OLDHAM, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, the Agent omitted the date of Agent Shivers' report in the reference.

The foregoing matters are called to your attention in order that steps may be taken to prevent their recurrence in the future.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Agent in Charge,  
P. O. Box 626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

*M. H. Purvis*

Dear Sir:

In a report submitted by Agent J. B. Brown, dated September 15, 1930, in the case of MELVIN COOK with aliases, Fugitive, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your attention is directed to the period for which made, which was 8/20/30.

In a report of Agent O. G. Hall, dated September 5, 1930, in the case of LUKE "LEW" CARPENTER, alias "Carolina Wildcat" - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, it appears that this report was made at Cincinnati and not Charlotte, N. C.

In a report submitted by Agent J. B. Brown, dated September 15, 1930, in the case of RICHARD E. THOMI - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your attention is directed to the period for which made which was 8-25-30.

In the report submitted by Agent W. V. Mallin, under date of September 19, 1930, in the case of MELVIN GAYES, with aliases - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, the period for which made was 8-23-30.

In a report submitted by Agent W. V. Mallin, under date of September 18, 1930, in the case of E. K. HURRIGAN - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act should have been included under the character of case.

In a report submitted by Agent E. W. Gelsen, under date of September 15, 1930, in the case of RUSSELL McEWAN, et al - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, McEwan is shown as an alien, yet only two copies of this report were forwarded to the Bureau.

In a report submitted by Agent Purvis, under date of September 5, 1930, in the case of MARCEAN HERCHKEY - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, the report fails to state how the information was received from the Chief of Police at Linton, Indiana.

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In a report submitted by Agent Purvis, dated September 19, 1950, in the case of LEO PAULK - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, the Agent failed to set forth an undeveloped lead for the Cincinnati Office to interview the owner of the car.

In a report submitted by Agent W. V. Millin, under date of September 18, 1950, in the case of WILLIAM COLLIER - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, the Agent sets out period for which made as 8-21-50, yet the report records information of the filing of the complaint at Xenosville, Ohio on September 2, 1950.

In a report submitted by Special Agent J. B. Brown, dated September 15, 1950, in the case of JAMES D. FRENCH, et al - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, the period for which made is shown as 8/21-25/50. The report was submitted on 9-15-50.

In a report submitted by Agent Merten, under date of September 25, 1950, in the case of LENCIA VONZALEZ - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, the Agent has improperly set out his name in the statement obtained from the subject and has failed to properly list his name and address when signing the statement as a witness.

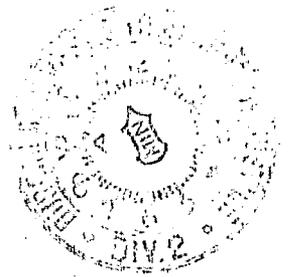
In a report submitted by Agent J. B. Brown, under date of September 16, 1950, in the case of DALE WILLIAMS, with aliases, Fugitive, the period for which made is shown as 8-22-50.

The foregoing matters are called to your attention, in order that steps may be taken to prevent their recurrence in the future.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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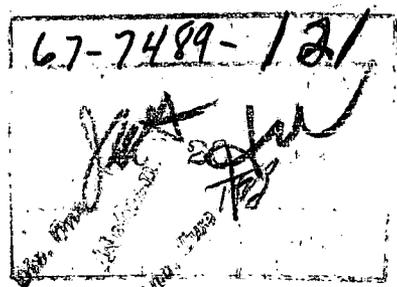
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Cincinnati, Ohio.

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*M. H. Purvis*



Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is acknowledged of your letters of October 13th 1930, calling the attention of the Cincinnati Bureau Office to certain errors in cases hereinafter mentioned:

In the report of Special Agent W. V. Mullin, dated August 29, 1930, captioned WILLIAM STEVENS, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-1887, the office where the report was made is omitted. The Cincinnati copies of this report have been corrected and letters directed to the Washington Field and Birmingham Offices, requesting that the necessary correction be made.

In the report of Special Agent C. M. Redford, dated August 26, 1930 in the case of JOHN OLDHAM, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-2074, the date of Agent Shivers's report in the reference was omitted. This error has been corrected.

In the report of Special Agent W. V. Mullin, dated September 18, 1930, in the case of E. K. HOURIGAN, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, the violation of the White Slave Traffic Act should have been included under the character of the case. The Cincinnati copies of this report have been corrected and letters are being directed to interested offices requesting that the proper correction be made on the copies of that report in their files.

In the report of Special Agent E. W. Golsen, dated September 13, 1930, in the case of RUSSELL McEWAN, Alien, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-2100, McEwan is shown as an alien yet only two copies of this report were forwarded to the Bureau. I am enclosing herewith one copy of the above report.

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The report submitted by Acting S.A.C. Purvis, dated September 5, 1930 in the case entitled MARCEAN HERCHY, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-2107, fails to state how the information was received from the Chief of Police at Linton, Indiana. Please be advised that the information was received by telephone.

In the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, in the case of LUKE "LEW" CARPENTER, alias "Carolina Wildcat", National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-1489, it appears that this report was made at Cincinnati, Ohio, and not at Charlotte, N.C. Please be advised that the Cincinnati copies of this report have been corrected and a letter directed to the Charlotte Office requesting that the necessary correction be made.

In the report of Acting S.A.C. Purvis, dated September 9, 1930 in the case of LEO PAULK, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-2114, the agent failed to set forth an undeveloped lead for the Cincinnati office to interview the owner of the car. Please be advised that the owner of the car has since been interviewed and copies of the report reciting the interview have been directed to all interested offices.

In the report of Special Agent W. V. Mullin, dated September 18, 1930, in the case entitled WILLIAM COLLIER, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-2101, the agent sets out period for which made as August 31, 1930, yet the report records the filing of the complaint at Zanesville, Ohio, on September 2, 1930. Proper correction has been made of this error.

In the report of Special Agent Bliss Morton, dated September 23, 1930, in the case entitled LENCIA VONZALES, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-2123, the agent has improperly set out his name in the statement obtained from the subject, and also failed to properly list his name and address when signing the statement as a witness. This error has been called to the attention of the agent, and all other agents of the Cincinnati office are being instructed to properly set out their names and addresses in situations such as this.

In the report of Special Agent J. B. Brown, dated September 16, 1930, in the case of DALE WILLIAMS, with aliases, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-2012, the period for which made is August 22, 1930; in the report of Special Agent J. B. Brown, dated Sep-

tember 15, 1930, in the case of JAMES D. FRENCH, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-2120, the period for which made is shown as August 21, 1930; in the report of Special Agent W. V. Mullin, dated September 19, 1930, in the case of ELWYN CATES with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-1949, period for which made is August 28, 1930; in the report of Special Agent J. B. Brown, dated September 15, 1930, in the case of RICHARD E. THONI, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-1923, the period for which made was August 25, 1930; in the report submitted by Special Agent J. B. Brown, dated September 15, 1930 in the case of MELVIN COOK with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-807, the period for which made was August 20, 1930; in the report of Special Agent A. F. Holm, dated August 25, 1930, in the case captioned ARLINGTON C. HEATLEY, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-2065, the period for which made was August 8, 1930, and in the report of Special Agent O. W. Barber, dated August 28, 1930 in the case of H. A. BELLE, et al, White Slave Traffic Act, Cincinnati file #31-1222, the period for which made is August 12, 13, 1930.

Please be advised in connection with the cases mentioned above the apparent undue delay between the period when the investigation was made and the typing of the report was due in a large part to the stenographic situation in the Cincinnati Office. Constant efforts are being made to secure suitable stenographic help, and it is believed that within a short time the present condition will be corrected.

The errors called to the attention of the Cincinnati Bureau Office in the letters of reference have been duly noted and every effort will be made to prevent a recurrence of these mistakes.

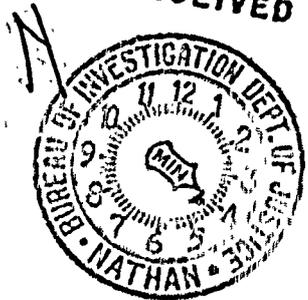
Very truly yours,



O. G. HALL,  
Acting Special Agent In Charge

U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
P. O. Box 626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

I want to thank you sincerely for your letter dated November 5, 1930, advising me that I have been designated Special Agent in Charge of the Cincinnati Bureau Office.

I appreciate this more than I can say and will endeavor to deserve the confidence placed in me by you.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

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Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of report of  
Inspector Keith covering his recent inspection of the  
Cincinnati Bureau Office.

The Bureau notes the recording of eleven  
cases by Inspector Keith which, in his opinion, had not  
received proper administrative attention. The Bureau  
trusts that these have been given proper attention ere  
this.

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SONNENBERG, APPOINTMENT CLERK

Please prepare the necessary letters promoting the following employees of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice:

NAME	TITLE	FROM GRADE	TO GRADE	FROM SALARY	TO SALARY
D. M. Ladd	Special Agent	CAF-8	CAF-9	\$2100	\$2200
M. F. Little	" "	CAF-8	CAF-8	\$2700	\$3000
L. C. Taylor	" "	CAF-8	CAF-8	\$2900	\$3000
M. H. Purvis	" "	CAF-11	CAF-12	\$4200	\$4600
H. B. Hollis	" "	CAF-12	CAF-12	\$4600	\$4600
W. A. McGowan	" "	CAF-10	CAF-11	\$3700	\$3800

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The above changes are to be made effective November 16, 1930, and are to be payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes." FIELD.

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Director.

Approved:

Assistant Attorney General.

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Washington, D. C.,

November 1, 1930.

*Purvis*

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: INSPECTION CINCINNATI BUREAU OFFICE  
October 27--29, 1930.

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Mr. M. H. Purvis, Acting Special Agent in Charge at Cincinnati, reported there for assignment on September 2, 1930. He had, therefore, been in charge of the office for approximately two months at the time of this inspection. Under separate cover I forwarded to you individual memoranda concerning eleven investigative cases which had, in my opinion, been neglected. Seven of these cases involve an unreasonable delay in properly following up investigations. In two of these cases summary reports were overdue. One case had been improperly supervised by Special Agents in Charge who preceded Mr. Purvis, over a period of some two years. One case, in which Cincinnati was the office of origin, had been neglected by auxiliary offices and Cincinnati had not properly followed up the investigation.

Generally speaking, I feel that, in proportion to the large number of pending, active cases at Cincinnati, the above represents a rather wholesome condition, and I believe that the office, generally speaking, should be considered by you as in a very satisfactory condition.

Acting Special Agent in Charge Purvis, during the period of less than two months he has been in charge of the office, was absent for a period of several days at the Washington conference for Agents in Charge, and on the beginning day of this inspection, had just returned from two weeks' annual leave which became necessary due to family difficulties which had arisen at Mr. Purvis' home in South Carolina. Mr. Purvis stated that his father is rather

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elderly, and was on the point of being defrauded of some \$20,000 by "in-laws" and that it became absolutely necessary for him to be present, as an attorney, to properly protect the interests of his father. He said that he adjusted matters satisfactorily, and regrets very much that his temporary absence from Cincinnati was necessitated as above. Therefore, it remains that Mr. Purvis has actually been on active duty at Cincinnati approximately one month. He appeared to be vigorously administering the affairs of the office. I am absolutely convinced of his entire loyalty to you, and I feel that he possesses the necessary intelligence and executive ability to make a successful Special Agent in Charge. His only drawback is his rather youthful appearance, but I do not believe that this disqualifies him for an Agency in Charge.

The following tabulation represents the assignment of the pending active cases in the Cincinnati office:

PENDING ACTIVE CASES

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Total Active Cases</u>	<u>Origin Cincinnati</u>	<u>Undeveloped Leads</u>	<u>ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASES</u>	
				<u>Origin Cincinnati</u>	<u>Undeveloped Leads</u>
Unassigned	44	18	26	3	0
Barber	22	12	10	2	1
Brown	23	13	10	1	0
Cox	25	10	15	1	0
*Hall	20	18	2	4	0
McCulloch	24	14	10	0	0
Mehegan	24	19	5	2	1
Moore	7	4	3	1	0
Morton	28	23	5	2	0
Mullin	32	17	15	3	0
*Norris	5	1	4	0	0
Notesteen	24	15	9	2	0
Redford	32	22	10	2	1
Purvis	5	4	1	0	0
Diemer	1	1	0	0	0
Hibbs	1	1	0	0	0
Frankel	3	2	1	0	1
Murphy	1	1	0	0	0
Rich	1	1	0	0	0

\* Just arrived at Cincinnati.

As to the investigative personnel at Cincinnati, there are twelve agents, five accountants and Mr. Purvis. A review of the

pending cases, a discussion with Mr. Purvis, and my general inspection of the office convinces me that there is at Cincinnati sufficient investigative personnel to handle the work in that district. I recommend no reduction and no increase.

There are at present five stenographers at the Cincinnati office. Stenographers Reinke, Merz and Butler are exceptionally conscientious young ladies, and an examination of the field office register and my observation of them during the inspection period, has shown that it is not at all unusual for them to work continuously until about 6:30 to 7:00 each evening. There appears to have been an unusual volume of dictation at Cincinnati since the arrival of Mr. Purvis, and the stenographic work is about a week to ten days in arrears. Stenographers Troescher and Cook ordinarily leave the office about 5:15 to 5:30 P. M. each day, and while they seem to be turning out a satisfactory volume of work, according to Mr. Purvis, their attitude is not as good as the three above mentioned. The latter two, I believe, are only average stenographers.

Sometime ago the Bureau authorized a total of six stenographers at Cincinnati and Mr. Purvis, during the period of this inspection, was taking steps to locate a competent stenographer to take the place of a temporary employee recently let out on account of unsatisfactory work. I believe that a force of six stenographers should be considered normal and necessary to keep up to date the investigative reports and correspondence of the eighteen investigative employees there.

In my opinion, the space at the Cincinnati office is inadequate. As you know, the present quarters were selected before the force of accountants was assigned to the Cincinnati office. One additional room has been secured, due to the additional accountants, but there is no conference room, and the space occupied by the stenographers and files, and the large room occupied by the agents, are extremely crowded. The Bureau office is located on the 14th floor.

The entire 12th floor of the same building is occupied by the Bureau of Prohibition. Due to the fact that both Bureaus are now under the Department of Justice, my inspection shows that some confusion results in the handling of mail addressed to the two Bureaus, and in the receipt of complaints from individuals. The building directory shows the following, in the order given:

"UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Bureau of Investigation, Room 1418  
Bureau of Prohibition, Room 1200."

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Recently completed at Cincinnati is the new Mohay-Carew Tower Building, of forty-nine stories, and now ready for occupancy. It is my recommendation that, if Mr. Purvis can make satisfactory adjustment concerning the lease on the present space, suitable quarters be obtained in the above mentioned building.

The general appearance of the Cincinnati office at present is very neat and orderly, but crowded, and Mr. Purvis is making the best possible use of the present space, but I believe the above recommendations are sound.

The following tabulation represents the amount of per diem travel performed by agents of the Cincinnati office, since the date of the last inspection:

PER DIEM TRAVEL, CINCINNATI OFFICE:

<u>AGENTS</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
O. W. Barber	\$114.00	\$124.50	\$97.50
J. B. Brown	*	*	*
**Felix O. Cox	Not here	Not here	127.00
O. G. Hall	99.00	24.00	22.00
A. D. Mahagan	129.50	122.00	129.50
M. W. Moore	Not here	Not here	Not here
Bliss Morton	94.00	67.50	72.00
W. V. Mullin	52.50	29.00	122.00
C. C. McCulloch	Not here	Not here	2.10
G. B. Morris	Not here	Not here	Not here
E. M. Motesteen	Not here	Not here	1.00
H. H. Purvis	Not here	Not here	22.50
C. M. Bedford	Not here	122.50	120.00
<u>ACCOUNTANTS</u>			
Edw. E. Bismar	Not here	117.00	*
M. Frankel	Not here	175.50	52.50
H. R. Hibbs	Not here	Not here	127.50
W. S. Murphy	Not here	122.00	125.00
W. S. Rich	Not here	Not here	91.50
J. F. Schoen	Not here	Not here	Not here

\* Expense Account not Submitted

\*\* Arrived at Cincinnati 9-22-30.

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The following tabulation represents the late arrivals at Cincinnati since July 1, 1930:

FIELD OFFICE REGISTER - CINCINNATI

<u>Date</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
7-7-30	Trosser	10:50	Excused to attend funeral with understanding time to be made up. N.E.H.
9-2-30	Purvis	9:57	Just arrived in Cincinnati. J.N.K.
9-6-30	Hibbs	9:40	Permission granted to go by station in re: claim for damage to his trunk. - P.
9-8-30	Brown	9:15	Called at 8:40 A. M., delayed re suits at hotel. - P.
9-11-30	Trosser	8:58	Came in at 9:01 by office clock; registered in by her watch. Excused and advised of regulations. - P.
10-3-30	Reinke	9:03	Explanation that has hold up accepted. - P.
10-7-30	Mallin	9:05	Due hour's annual leave; see memo in personnel file. - P.
10-14-30	B. C. Keefe	9:10	(Out of service)
10-22-30	S. Butler	9:01	Worked late night before; excused. J. N. K.

G. A. Reeves, U. S. Marshal at Cincinnati, told me that the Bureau has been rendering very excellent service through its Identification Division and that he is very much gratified at the recent arrangement made by the Attorney General to fingerprint all Federal prisoners. He said that recently, through the Bureau, it was learned that a man being held by the Marshal at Cincinnati on liquor charges was wanted for murder.

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Mr. Reeves said that the only difficulty which his office experiences in taking fingerprints is that the cards have a tendency to slip and slide while the impressions are being placed thereon, and yet the Department has refused to furnish him with a fingerprint card-holder, saying that none is in stock. Of course, this is a small matter, but it is my recommendation that if possible the Bureau should convince the Bureau of Supplies as to the necessity for furnishing fingerprint card-holders to all U. S. Marshals; if there is authority to purchase the necessary ink pads, rollers, ink and other equipment, then it appears only logical that fingerprint card-holders are a unit of the same equipment and are necessary.

Captain R. L. Dunning, Chief of the Identification Division of the Cincinnati Police Department, assured me again that the service being rendered by the Bureau's Identification Division is extremely satisfactory, and that he has absolutely no complaints to make. He insists that the fingerprints of every person arrested at Cincinnati are being forwarded to the Bureau.

When asked whether he had noticed any "slip-ups" he called my attention to a small inaccuracy to which he took no exception, and I am making this the subject of a separate communication for the attention of Division Six.

Chief of Detectives Emmett Kirgan, of Cincinnati, said that the service of the Bureau as to original records has been excellent in every respect, but he believes that the Bureau should give out criminal records only to regularly constituted law enforcement officials. I told Mr. Kirgan that this was the present rule of the Bureau, and that information from the Identification Division was not given out to private individuals. Thereupon, he told me that, in the case of Margaret Brennan, Cincinnati Police No. 24944, he discovered, while talking to the Chief Special Agent of the Western Union Telegraph Company of Cincinnati, that the Bureau had furnished the original record of this woman to Western Union. Mr. Kirgan was certain that this information was forwarded to Western Union direct, and not thru the medium of any law enforcement official at Cincinnati. He was of the opinion that private agencies, such as the Western Union, railroads, and similar concerns, when requesting criminal records from the Bureau, should be advised that they should consult their local Chief of Police, who might secure for them such records. I told Mr. Kirgan that I felt quite certain there must have been some unusual circumstances attached to the above incident, and that I would have the matter followed up at Washington.

Chief of Police William Copelan was continuously out of his office at Cincinnati, and three attempts to see him failed.

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United States Attorney Havelk E. Mau of Cincinnati repeated his expressions of friendship towards the Bureau, and informed me that the service being rendered by the Cincinnati office has been entirely satisfactory in every respect. He took occasion to mention recent correspondence with you, concerning certain scurrilous remarks made about you by Chief Assistant U. S. Attorney Abrams. I told him that I was not commissioned to go into this matter, but he insisted upon explaining it to me, and called in Assistant U. S. Attorney Abrams. Mr. Mau had an engagement in court and left at this point, after stating, in the presence of myself and Assistant U. S. Attorney Abrams, that he felt quite certain Mr. Abrams was only joking when he made the remarks in question to Mr. Purvis, in the presence of other Cincinnati Bureau employees, and never intended at any time to reflect upon you.

I had a lengthy talk with Assistant U. S. Attorney Abrams, who appeared quite disturbed at the letter which you sent to Mr. Mau. Mr. Abrams, in fact, has become ill as a result of this communication, he claims, and was preparing on the afternoon of October 29 to go to a hospital for some sort of treatment. He explained to me that he has been in the U. S. Attorney's office at Cincinnati for thirteen years, and that he has always considered the Bureau of Investigation a part of the official family, and for many years has had the more or less unfortunate habit of joking in an extremely rough and sarcastic manner. He stated that for instance, some months ago, an employee of another Government bureau was at Cincinnati, to assist in the prosecution of a case, and that this Government employee came to Mr. Abrams and stated that he was preparing to leave for Washington; that Mr. Abrams told him, in apparently serious fashion, that that would be perfectly satisfactory, and that he believed the U. S. Attorney's office at Cincinnati could manage to struggle along without the presence of this individual longer. Mr. Abrams explained that this individual, who did not know of his joking proclivities, became very highly incensed, and that he had some difficulty in making the proper apology, and convincing the individual that he had not meant to be serious at all in the above remark. Mr. Abrams said that Mr. Purvis would not have reported the above remark to you, if Purvis had known him (Abrams) better. He said that he did make the remarks in question, but that he was only joking, was not at all serious-minded, and intended these things only as rough, good-natured "kidding" and that Mr. Purvis, had he known him better, would simply have told him to "Go to Hell" and have forgotten all about it. Mr. Abrams said that he has already written you, and that when next in Washington he intended to try to see you in person and apologize for these remarks.

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Mr. Purvis told me that there is no question in his mind but that Abrams was serious in the remarks, but that this appears to be the first time his hand has ever been called in connection with scurrilous criticisms of the Bureau and you. At any rate, I feel that you may be assured that there will be no further remarks made at Cincinnati concerning you and the Bureau by Mr. Abrams. In fact, he said that he had learned his lesson, and that in future would attempt to cease such "horse-play" -- at least, in the presence of Mr. Purvis.

I instructed Mr. Purvis to order four new .38 special Colt revolvers and scabbards for the Cincinnati office, the supply of firearms there being entirely inadequate to meet emergencies which might arise.

I attach hereto comments covering my observation of the personnel at the Cincinnati office.

Respectfully,

M. Keith, Inspector

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Report of Inspector Keith,  
Cincinnati Office,  
October 27, 1930.

RE: M. H. PURVIS, Acting Special Agent in Charge.

Mr. Purvis entered this service February 4, 1927; his salary is \$4200 per annum. The last efficiency rating given him, I believe, was 90% by Special Agent in Charge L. C. Schilder, under whom he served. On both Manuals, Mr. Purvis made a grade of 100%.

My general inspection report on the Cincinnati Office shows that the condition there is satisfactory. Mr. Purvis has been on active duty at that office for approximately one month, and from the condition of the office as a whole, I believe that he has handled this assignment properly.

Mr. Purvis possesses an exceptional memory, is highly intelligent, intensely loyal to the Bureau, and possesses, in my opinion, the requisite executive ability to make a successful Special Agent in Charge, and I believe should be named for the Cincinnati post, or for such other post of duty as the Bureau may designate.

Mr. Purvis' only drawback is his rather youthful appearance, but his ability, in my opinion, overcomes this. He is extremely serious-minded and puts his every energy into his job. While I found eleven cases which have been neglected at the Cincinnati office, I believe that an inspection a few weeks later would have revealed a more or less perfect condition, so far as investigative cases are concerned.

Report of Inspector Keith,  
Cincinnati Office,  
October 27-29, 1930.

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November 10, 1930.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the report submitted by Special Agent G. M. Redford, on October 27, 1930, in the case entitled: - ARTHUR WILLOUGHBY, et al - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file 26-1507, which bears your approval. It appears that Agent Redford failed to list statistical data recording two convictions on the abstract slips accompanying this report to the Bureau.

In the case entitled: - ROBERT MOYER, CHARLES HENNEY, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your file 26-8144, Special Agent W. V. Mullin submitted an investigative report on October 25, 1930. This report bears the approval of Acting Agent in Charge G. G. Hall. You will note that the statement of subject Moyer, which is quoted in this report, does not appear to have been signed by any witness.

Special Agent A. D. McHegan, in his report dated October 8, 1930, concerning the case of JOHN J. GAHEY, JR., et al - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, failed to list the words "Parole Report" under the Character of Case.

Special Agent A. D. McHegan failed to set forth a proper reference in his report dated October 15, 1930, in re: JOE INGRAMSOLL, et al - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. This report was approved by Acting Agent in Charge Hall.

Please note the report submitted by Special Agent A. D. McHegan, on September 27, 1930 in re: MRS. VALARIE TUCKER COMBS, MRS. VIRGINIA (NINA) ETIENNE SPANN - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your file 26-1930. It appears that Agent McHegan improperly classified subject Spann as a fugitive in the title of this report, as the file shows that a detainer was filed against this subject at the Women's Detention Home at Indianapolis, Indiana on August 29, 1930.

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Subject Dyer appears to have been improperly classified as a fugitive in the report of Special Agent A. L. Mehegan dated October 6, 1930, entitled: - ROOSEVELT BOWELL, colored, FRAZIER DYER, with aliases, colored - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your file 26-1779. The report of Special Agent A. F. Holm, dated at Cincinnati, Ohio on September 8, 1930, reflects that a Federal detainer was filed against subject Dyer at the State Reformatory, Pendleton, Indiana by the U. S. Marshal.

Special Agent (Accountant) E. K. Diemer submitted an investigative report on October 15, 1930, in re: - VIRGIL SQUIRE, Cashier, et al - National Bank Act, Cincinnati File 29-65. This report was approved by Acting Agent in Charge O. G. Hall. The title of the report is improper in that the employee failed to show the name and location of the bank involved in the case.

Acting Agent in Charge O. G. Hall dispatched a telegram from the Cincinnati Office on October 20, 1930 to the Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office in connection with the case of JOSEPH KRZMAN, et al - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file 26-2187. The Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office was improperly addressed in transmitting this telegram to him.

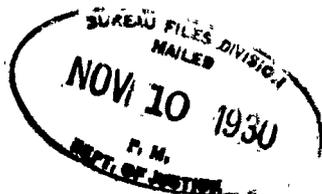
Acting Special Agent in Charge O. G. Hall approved a report rendered by Special Agent E. N. Notestein, dated October 25, 1930, in re: EUGENE OWENS, et al - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Special Agent Notestein appears to have failed to obtain the name of the Chief of Police whom he interviewed at Frankfort, Indiana in connection with this case. The Bureau believes it desirable to show the names of law enforcement officials interviewed in connection with investigations conducted.

A few instances have been noted by the Bureau wherein there appears to have been an undue delay in either the typing or the dictation of investigative reports.

These matters are being called to your attention in order that errors of a similar nature may be obviated in the future in investigative reports submitted by the Cincinnati Office.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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November 14, 1930.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,<sup>o</sup>  
P. O. Box 628,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

It is with pleasure that I am enclosing herewith the letter of the Assistant Attorney General advising you of your promotion from \$4,200 per annum, in grade CAF 11, to \$4,600 per annum, in CAF 12, effective November 16, 1930.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

Director.

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November 4, 1930

Mr. Melvin H. Purvis,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice.

Sir:

Your salary as a Special Agent in the Bureau of Investigation is hereby increased from \$4500 per annum in Grade Caf-11 to \$4600 per annum in Grade Caf-12, effective November 15, 1930, and payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes." FIELD.

On account of the change in grade you should execute the required oath of office.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

(Signed) Charles P. Sisson

Assistant Attorney General.

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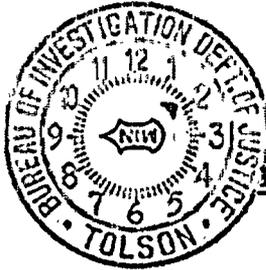
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Director,  
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

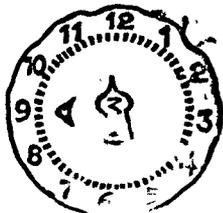
I am indeed grateful for your letter dated November 14, 1930, in which you inform that my salary has been increased from \$ 4200 to \$ 4600 per annum. Please accept my sincere thanks. I appreciate this very much.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Furvis*

M. H. FURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box #626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

November 19, 1930

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

There is attached hereto my oath of office  
executed in connection with my recent change in grade.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent In Charge.

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- SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE M. H. PURVIS -

SAC Purvis entered on duty February 4, 1927. His salary is \$4600.00 per annum. He is 27 years of age, single and a member of the Bar of South Carolina. He has no preference as to office assignment. He made a grade of 100% on the Manual of Rules and Regulations and 100% on the Manual of Instructions.

Purvis is of good appearance, possessed of a lot of energy and is rapidly developing into a good executive.

Inspection Report - Cincinnati Office  
Inspector T. E. Callen - January 6, 1931.

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December 8, 1930

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires to invite your attention to the report submitted by Special Agent C. M. Redford, October 30, 1930, in re: **VERNON SAMUELSON** with aliases, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file No.26-1988. It appears that Special Agent Redford failed to list one conviction as statistical data on the abstract slip which accompanied this report to the Bureau.

A similar error occurred in connection with the report rendered by Special Agent C. M. Redford, October 30, 1930, in re: **JESSE RAYMOND**, et al - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your file No.26-2057.

The same error occurred in connection with the report rendered by Special Agent C. M. Redford, October 30, 1930, in re: **RAYMOND LLOYD DYER**, with alias - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your file No.26-2121.

The name of Subject Henry Albert Maddux appears to have been misspelled in the title of the report rendered by Special Agent E. N. Notestein, under date of November 8, 1930, in connection with Cincinnati file 26-2300. The details of this report show the name of this Subject correctly.

The word "CHANGED" appears to have been omitted under the title of the report rendered by Special Agent C. M. Redford, November 10, 1930, in the case of **THOMAS MILBURN**, et al, your file 26-2138.

Your attention is also invited to the report made

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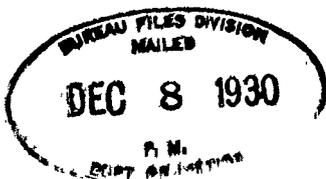
by Special Agent M. W. Moore, November 22, 1930, in connection with the case of SUGDEN FRED MARTIN, with aliases, et al - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file No. 26-2188. The Subject of this report is referred to in the details as "Subject Miller", but this name was not carried in the title thereof as an alias.

A number of reports have emanated from the Cincinnati Bureau office, from which it would appear there has been a delay either in the dictation of the same or the typing and preparation of the reports for transmission to the Bureau. It is desirable, of course, that investigative activity undertaken by employees of the Bureau be promptly set out in report form.

These errors are called to your attention in order that steps may be taken to prevent their recurrence in the future.

Very truly yours,

Director.



I, Melvin A. Curtis, Jr. do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

Special Agent  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice

on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

(Sign here) Melvin A. Curtis, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ) Where born (State only) South Carolina  
18<sup>TH</sup> day ) Date of birth October 24, 1903  
of November A.D. 1930 ) Whence appointed:

State S.C. County Florence  
Congressional District Sixth

Theodore Bauer  
Notary Public  
Gov for Hamilton Co.  
Ohio

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P.O. Box #626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dec. 10, 1930.



Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

In re: Thomas Milburn et al,  
Nat'l. Motor Vehicle Theft Act.  
Cin'ti. file #26-2138.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 8, 1930, wherein it is stated that the word "CHANGED" appears to have been omitted under the title of the report rendered by Special Agent C. M. Redford, November 10, 1930, in the case of Thomas Milburn et al, Cincinnati file #26-2138.

In a report in the process of being typed at the present time in this case, the title is being corrected to show the correct names of the subjects previously carried as S. A. and Willie Siebe; as Dewey Meadows, alias S. A. Siebe, alias Ray Richards; William Meadows, alias Willie Siebe.

Inasmuch as the report of Special Agent Redford above referred to states that Dewey Meadows was the person known to Tom Milburn as S. A. Siebe and that William Meadows was known to him as Willie Siebe, it is believed that this is the correction that should be made in the title.

Efforts will be made to avoid a recurrence of similar errors.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Director,  
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Washington, D. C.

In re: Summerfield Martin, with aliases  
Sam Eads  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.  
Cin'ti. file #26-3123.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 8th, 1930, wherein attention was called to the fact that the report of Special Agent M. W. Moore, dated November 22nd, 1930, refers to subject as "subject Miller."

This is erroneous and Special Agent Moore informs me that he intended to write "subject Martin" instead of subject Miller. The Cincinnati copies of this report have been corrected.

The Birmingham, Charlotte, and Washington Field Offices are requested to refer to said report and make the above noted corrections.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Purvis,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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January 7, 1931.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

*Purvis*

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the report rendered by Special Agent E. N. Notestein under date of November 28, 1930, in connection with the case entitled HOWARD BURWELLE, with aliases, Fugitive, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-2141, in which you will note the reference is omitted. It would appear that reference should have been made to the report submitted by Special Agent (Accountant) R. A. W. Latimer, at Chicago, Illinois, under date of November 12, 1930.

The Bureau desires also to call your attention to the report submitted by Special Agent A. D. Mahagan under date of December 2, 1930, in connection with the case entitled REBECCA HANCHER, Veterans Bureau Matter, Cincinnati file #17-64. The Bureau is of the opinion that the synopsis of this report is entirely too detailed and that a portion of the information contained therein is unnecessary.

On December 5, 1930, Special Agent Felix O. Cox submitted a report in re HENRY DEEVER, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-2259. It appears that Special Agent Cox failed to set out statistical data showing the recovery of an automobile on abstract slips accompanying this report to the Bureau.

Special Agent W. V. Mullin submitted a report on December 19, 1930, in connection with the case entitled H. O. BRASCHLER, Bankrupt, et al, National Bankruptcy Act, Cincinnati file #49-346. The period for which made is shown in this report as November 22, 24 and 25, 1930. It would appear that there was a considerable delay in either the dictation or typing of the report. It is, *67-2489-130*

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of course, important that investigative information elicited by Bureau employees be promptly set out in report form.

The same comment applies to the report submitted by Special Agent C. M. Redford on December 20, 1950, in re O. G. MILLS, National Bankruptcy Act, Cincinnati file #49-306. The period for which made is shown in this report as November 24 to 29, 1950.

The foregoing matters are being called to your attention in order that steps may be taken to avoid the occurrence of similar errors in the future.

Very truly yours,

Director.

*Jurvis*

P. O. Box #831,  
Detroit, Michigan.

January 6, 1931.

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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.,

Dear Sir:

Inspection of the Cincinnati office was begun January 2 and completed January 6, 1931.

There were 309 cases pending, of which 65 were inactive.

There are a total of nineteen investigators assigned to this office, that is the Agent in Charge, thirteen agents and five agents (accountants). There is no need for five agents (accountants) in this office. In my opinion three of these employees could be released immediately for assignment elsewhere. A total of thirteen investigators should be sufficient for this office, including the Agent in Charge. Possibly two agents in addition to the three agents (accountants) could be released. I am informed that Agent O. W. Barber will shortly be transferred from the Bureau to the Treasury Department so that this should be taken into consideration in passing upon the number of men who may be assigned elsewhere. I believe that if Agent Barber is transferred out of the Bureau that possibly one man in addition thereto could be assigned to another office.

The following are the grades made by the various employees on the examinations:

Stenographic Test.

Miss Irma Merz	93
Miss Kathryn Cook	86
Miss Sarah L. Butler	98
Miss Jeannette Hayes	92
Miss Mary G. Reinke	94

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Agent C. M. Bedford	100	90
Agent Bliss Morten	100	100
Agent E. H. Notestein	100	100
Agent J. R. Cannon	85	100
Agent (Accountant)		
Nathan Frankel	100	100
Agent (Accountant)		
H. R. Hibbs	70	68
Agent G. C. McCulloch	85	85
Agent A. D. Mahagan	98	90
Agent G. B. Morris	100	97
Agent E. J. Wynn	100	100
Agent F. G. Hurst	95	95
Agent J. B. Brown	95	90
Agent (Accountant)		
W. S. Rish	95	95
Agent J. L. Mawrny	100	100
Agent N. D. Zimmerman	100	95
Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis	100	100

Agent O. W. Barber was not called in for an interview because of the information I had received that he would in a day or two be transferred from the Bureau.

Agents (accountants) W. S. Murphy and E. E. Dimes were at court at Cleveland, Ohio on a case and they advised that the United States Attorney desired them for conference on Sunday, on which day the examinations were held, and they were therefore not ordered to appear.

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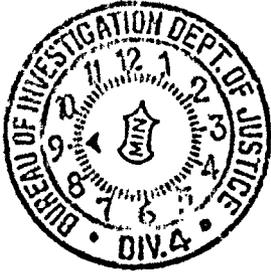
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Respectfully yours,

T. F. Cullen,  
Inspector.

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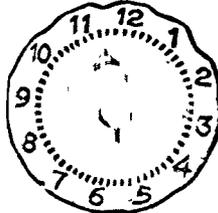
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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated January 7, 1931, calling attention to various errors made by this office. These matters have been noted and every effort will be made to avoid a recurrence of such errors in the future. They have been called to the attention of the various agents by me.

With reference to the report submitted by Special Agent W. V. Mullin, dated December 19, 1930, in the case entitled "H. L. BEASCHLER, BANKRUPT, et al; National Bankruptcy Act", Cincinnati file 49-346, the period for which this was made was November 22, 24, and 25, 1930. The explanation as to the considerable delay in the typing of this report is that the report was returned to him on December 2, 1930, inasmuch as the report as written by him, was of no value. In this connection reference is also made to my memorandum to him dated December 2, 1930, a copy of which was furnished the Bureau. Every effort will be made to avoid a recurrence of similar matters.

With reference to the report submitted by Special Agent C. M. Redford re "O. G. MILLS, National Bankruptcy Act," Cincinnati file 49-306, the period being shown as November 24 and 29, 1930. The rough draft of the report as written by former Special Agent Mullin, was incomplete and, therefore, placed in the file as a memorandum only. The matter was later reviewed by Agent Redford and leads set out. No report was made by former Agent Mullin inasmuch as he resigned about this time. Every effort will be put forth to avoid a recurrence of similar errors in the future.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Special Agent In Charge

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February 3, 1931.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

*Purvis*

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. N. Motesteen, dated January 26, 1931, in connection with the case of WINFIELD SCOTT L. WIMMER, with alias, GEORGE SENEW, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

It is noted that the statement of Subject Wimmer which is quoted in the report mentioned above does not indicate that the Subject signed this statement nor is there any explanation made of that fact.

Your attention is also invited to the typographical errors in the fifth paragraph on the second page of this report.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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*James*

January 19, 1931.

Special Agent in Charge,  
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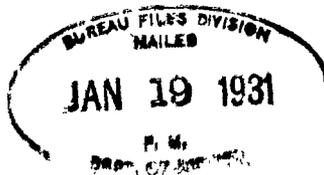
The Bureau is in receipt of report of Inspector Cullen covering his recent inspection of the Cincinnati office.

The Bureau is pleased to note that Inspector Cullen reports the Cincinnati office in good condition; that the cases with very few exceptions were up to date and that he was convinced, after a conference with you, that a good reason existed in each instance for failure to have a current report on file.

Inspector Cullen advised the Bureau of the comment of United States Attorney Jeffrey to the effect that he had not been furnished with original statements or documentary evidence in cases coming under his jurisdiction. The Bureau understands that you have already communicated with Mr. Jeffrey relative thereto and have issued instructions which will preclude this question arising in the future.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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*J. J. Jones*

Washington, D. C.,

January 12, 1931.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

REPORT OF INSPECTION

CINCINNATI BUREAU OFFICE

The inspection of this office was begun January 2, and was completed January 6, 1931.

There were 209 cases pending, of which 68 were inactive. The cases were assigned as follows:

Unassigned	41	(11 inactive) (8 cases were of an Accounting nature.)
Agent O. W. Barber	16	(2 inactive)
Agent J. B. Brown	15	(3 inactive)
Agent J. R. Cannon	10	
Agent (Accountant) E. E. Diemer	1	
Agent (Accountant) M. Frankel	6	(1 inactive)
Agent (Accountant) H. R. Hibbs	1	
Agent E. C. Hurst	4	
Agent C. C. McCulloch	23	(1 inactive)
Agent A. D. Mahagan	27	(9 inactive)
Agent Bliss Morton	31	(8 inactive)
Agent J. L. Mowry	12	
Agent (Accountant) W. S. Murphy	11	
Agent C. B. Norris	19	
Agent E. H. Forstman	14	(2 inactive)
Agent C. M. Bedford	18	(4 inactive)
Agent (Accountant) H. S. Rich	5	(1 inactive)
Agent E. J. Wynn	16	
Agent N. B. Zimmerman	19	
Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis	20	(16 inactive).

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The following is a list of the per diem paid to Agents of this office:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>
M. H. Purvis	-	\$ 30.00
O. W. Barber	\$ 45.00	78.00
J. B. Brown	184.00	147.00
J. B. Cannon	-	-
E. E. Dieman	163.00	157.00
Nathan Frankel	96.00	180.00
H. R. Hibbs	188.00	180.00
G. C. McCallan	81.00	68.00
A. D. Mahagan	169.50	168.00
Miss Norton	13.50	105.00
J. L. Mowry	-	-
W. S. Murphy	155.00	138.00
G. B. Morris	44.50	126.50
E. M. Notestein	157.50	162.50
C. M. Redford	111.00	83.00
E. J. Wynn	-	-
H. D. Zimmerman	-	-

The following is a report of the tardy arrivals at this office:

11-4-30	Miss Troescher	- 30 minutes late	(One hour's annual leave - See memo. personnel file)
11-10-30	Miss Butler	- 5 minutes late	(Due to wreck and traffic jam - Excused - Purvis)
11-15-30	Miss Butler	- 10 minutes late	(Street car delayed - left home at usual hour - Excused Purvis)
11-26-30	Miss Butler	- 5 minutes late	(Street car delayed because of slippery tracks - Excused Purvis)

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11-28-30	Agent Mallin	- 3 minutes late	(Street car delayed because of slippery tracks - Excused - Purvis)
12-2-30	Miss Cook	- 1 minute late	(Excused - Purvis Clock - difference - readjusted)
12-10-30	Miss Merz	- 1 minute late	(Street car held up by workmen on wire - Excused - Purvis)
12-15-30	Miss Merz	- 6 minutes late	(In view of overtime Sunday Excused - Purvis)
12-29-30	Miss Hayes	- 3 minutes late	(Car gave trouble - Excused Purvis)
12-15-30	Agent Morris	- 1 1/2 hours late	(Arrived 8:30 A.M. in Cincinnati - one hour annual leave - See memo. personnel files.)
	Agent McCallon	- 1 hour 30 min. late.	

Attached hereto is a report of the personnel of this office.

Respectfully,

T. F. COLLEN,  
Inspector.

P. O. Box #626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 9, 1931

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Winfield Scott L. Wimmer  
alias Franz S. Mueller  
George Senew  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act  
Cincinnati file #26-2329

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated February 3, 1931 in the above entitled case, wherein it is noted that the statement as copied in the report does not indicate that it was signed by subject.

This statement was signed by the subject in two places, as follows:- immediately preceding the last paragraph and also following the last paragraph. Agent E. N. Notesteen advises me that after the statement was taken, subject's true name was ascertained and this accounts for the addition at the bottom of page three of said report.

Every effort will be put forth to avoid typographical errors of this nature in the future.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent In Charge

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March 11, 1931

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SORNEBORGER, APPOINTMENT CLERK

Please prepare a letter promoting Mr. M. H. Furvis from Special Agent, Grade CAF-12, \$4600 per annum in the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, to Special Agent, Grade CAF-12, \$5000 per annum, effective March 16, 1931, and payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes." FIELD.

Director.

Approved:

Assistant Attorney General.

CC Mr. Allison

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the report rendered by Special Agent *X* E. M. Metesteen on December 29, 1930, in re Samuel Edward Chavers with alias (Colored) - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-2265. There appears to be a variance in this report in that the date of arraignment and sentence of the subject was not shown in the details although information relative thereto was incorporated in the synopsis of the report.

The report of Special Agent *X* C. M. Redford dated January 7, 1931, in re Lee Sellers, Fugitive - Escaped Federal Prisoner, Cincinnati file #76-284, appears to be incomplete in that the period of investigative activity was not incorporated therein.

The name of the subject appears to have been spelled incorrectly in the report rendered by Special Agent *X* W. S. Murphy on January 8, 1931, in connection with Cincinnati file #23-42.

There appears to have been an undue delay in the submission of the report rendered by Special Agent *X* G. B. Norris under date of January 12, 1931, in connection with the case entitled Harold A. Trimby and Vivian Hal, Victim - White Slave Traffic Act, Cincinnati file #21-1372, as the period of investigative activity is shown as December 19, 1930.

On January 16, 1931, Special Agent *X* A. D. Mehegan submitted a report in the case entitled Fred Rhees with alias - Impersonation, Theft of Government Property, Cincinnati file #47-251. The synopsis of facts in this report appears to be vague and indefinite and the Bureau is of the opinion that the attention of Special Agent Mehegan should be called to the proper manner of preparing synopses of facts in investigative

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There appears to have been an undue delay in the rendition of the report of Special Agent J. L. Mowry on January 17, 1931, in re Albert Theodore Thompson with alias, Fugitive - Impersonation, Cincinnati file #47-165, as the period for which made is shown in this report as December 29, 1930, to January 12, 1931.

Special Agent C. M. Redford submitted a report on January 19, 1931, in re Thomas Scott Bond, Fugitive - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-2306. The statement secured from subject Bond and incorporated in this report appears to be improper in that the address of one of the witnesses thereto was not incorporated therein.

On January 19, 1931, Special Agent C. E. Norris rendered a report in re Wilson Mosier, Earl Pellens - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-2302. The undeveloped lead for the Denver office in this report to report the recovery of the car is entirely improper. A lead of this kind has no place in an investigative report.

Special Agent Bliss Morton submitted a report dated January 21, 1931, in re Harry Jordan (Colored) - Election Laws, Cincinnati file #56-8. There appears to have been an undue delay in either the dictation or the typing of this report as the period of investigative activity is shown as December 20 to 26, 1930.

The same comment applies to report submitted by Special Agent Bliss Morton under date of January 22, 1931, in re Carl Jones (Colored) William C. Moore (Colored) - Election Laws, Cincinnati file #56-11, as the period of investigative activity is shown in this report as December 19, 1930 to January 20, 1931.

Special Agent E. J. Wynn rendered a report on January 22, 1931, in re Richard Seits et al - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, White Slave Traffic Act, Cincinnati file #26-2239. Your attention is invited to the fact that Special Agent Wynn failed to secure and set out the address of Brady Skinner, witness to the statement made by Cecil Townsell at Morganfield, Kentucky, on January 2, 1931, and incorporated in this report on pages two and three.

Special Agent C. N. Ottosen submitted a report on January 28, 1931, in re George Chapin - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-2318. Special Agent Ottosen approved and forwarded this report to the Bureau. The report appears to be improper in that information was not included in the synopsis or details thereof covering statistical information recorded on the abstract slips accompanying the report.

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March 14, 1931.

Special Agent J. R. Cannon submitted a report dated February 14, 1931, in re Unknown Subjects - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Cincinnati file #26-2345. It is noted that a number of slang words and phrases were used throughout this report and it is desired that you call the attention of Special Agent Cannon to the undesirability of incorporating colloquialisms or slang expressions in official reports submitted by him.

The foregoing matters are being called to your attention in order that the necessary steps may be taken to avoid the occurrence of similar errors in the future in reports emanating from the Cincinnati Bureau office.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. O. Box #626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

March 16, 1931.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated  
March 14, 1931 concerning various errors made by  
this office. I have today called the attention of  
the various agents to these matters and every ef-  
fort will be made to avoid a recurrence of similar  
errors in reports emanating from this office.

Very truly yours,

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M. E. FURVIS,  
Special Agent In Charge

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March 23, 1931.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
P. O. Box 426,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

It is with pleasure that I am enclosing herewith the letter of the Assistant Attorney General advising you of your promotion from \$4,600 to \$5,000 per annum, effective March 16, 1931.

Very truly yours,

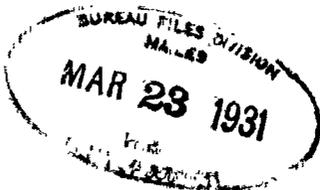
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March 13, 1931.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice.

Sir:

Your salary as Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation,  
is hereby increased from \$4000 per annum to \$5000 per annum  
in Grade Caf-12, effective March 16, 1931, and payable from  
the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes,"  
FIELD.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

(Signed) Charles P. Sisson  
Assistant Attorney General.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
March 25, 1931.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to thank you sincerely  
for your letter dated March 23, 1931, advis-  
ing me that my salary is increased from \$ 4600  
to \$ 5000. I appreciate this more than I can  
say.

With best wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,

*Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.*

Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box #626  
Cincinnati, Ohio

March 31, 1931

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated March 2, 1931 requesting suggestions. The following are respectfully submitted:

With regard to Section 51 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations which concerns Efficiency Ratings, it is suggested that more relative weight be given to the items of initiative and attitude. It is believed that one point from the relative weights of knowledge and judgment could be taken from these items and one point each added to initiative and attitude towards work. It is submitted that since attitude includes dependability, it would, in some degree, have a bearing on the employee's knowledge, and judgment. For this reason it is not believed that this would materially alter the weight given to knowledge and judgment. It is further believed that the traits of initiative and attitude towards work are highly important in considering the general qualifications of an employee. In order to further clarify this suggestion, the following items are given with their suggested relative weight:

Knowledge	6	Judgment	3
Initiative	2	Force	1
Industry	1	Accuracy	1
Personal Appearance	1	Paper work	2
Attitude towards work	2	Executive Capacity	1

With regard to Sections 65 and 68 which partly concern the tickler system to be used in following up cases and the forwarding of letters in duplicate to another field office when that office is requested to perform investigative work, it is suggested that only the original of this letter shall be forwarded and that they shall not be forwarded in duplicate. It is believed that this will save some time when considered for the entire field.

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With regard to the closing of cases wherein an U. S. Attorney has indicated that he intends to request the Attorney General for permission to enter a nolle prosequi, that upon receiving a letter so stating from the U. S. Attorney, the offices be permitted to close such cases. It is believed that when the field is considered as a whole a great deal of time and clerical work will be saved and it is not believed that any purpose is served by continuing to hold such cases pending. The condition of each field office will more clearly be shown on the Monthly Administrative Report, if the above suggestion is followed out.

In regard to the Bankruptcy work of the Bureau, it has been noted in many instances that after the investigation is completed and a Summary Report is prepared that the cases are continued from term to term for various reasons. While it is believed that this should be more or less of a problem for each individual field office, the suggestion that wherever possible complaints be filed immediately and warrants issued, is made. I believe that this will in some measure serve to expedite the bringing of this type of case to a logical conclusion at an earlier date than they have been brought in the past.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PERVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*M. H. Purvis*

Washington, D. C.  
March 28, 1931

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: INSPECTION - CINCINNATI OFFICE

This inspection was begun on March 17 and concluded on March 20, 1931.

The cases were assigned as follows:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Active</u>	<u>Inactive</u>	<u>Approx. number of days</u>
Unassigned	53	22	31	
Unassigned (Accounting)	3	3	0	
J. R. Cannon	23	20	3	11 1/2
A. S. Cranston (Acct.)	2	2	0	3 1/2
H. R. Hibbs	1	1	0	30
F. E. Hurley	26	19	7	16 1/4
A. D. Mehegan	31	26	5	15 1/4
Bliss Morton	35	12	23	16 1/2
J. L. Mowry	22	17	5	12 1/2
G. B. Norris	28	27	1	13 1/2
C. N. Ottosen	20	18	2	10 1/2
C. M. Redford	29	24	5	10
W. S. Rich (Acct.)	1	1	0	30
H. C. Stephenson	13	13	0	6 1/2
E. J. Wynn	26	25	1	13 1/2
H. D. Zimmerman	19	17	2	7 1/2
M. H. Purvis	20	3	17	2 1/2 & 1 hr.

Following is a list of the per diem paid to Agents of this office:

	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
M. H. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge	\$ 9.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 10.50
J. R. Cannon, "	79.50	115.50	182.00
A. S. Cranston, " (Accountant)	-----	33.00	145.50
F. E. Hurley, "	-----	-----	28.50
A. D. Mehegan, "	73.50	73.50	10.50
Bliss Morton, "	64.50	25.50	42.00
J. L. Mowry, "	25.50	181.50	153.00
G. B. Norris, "	132.50	100.50	126.00
C. N. Ottosen, "	-----	45.00	59.00
C. M. Redford, "	22.50	91.50	121.50

Per diem continued:

W. S. Rich,	Special Agent (Accountant)	96.00	129.00	168.50
H. G. Stephenson	" "	-----	-----	117.00
E. J. Wynn,	" "	97.50	173.40	36.00
N. D. Zimmerman	" "	31.50	160.50	106.50

Following is a list of the tardy arrivals in this office:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Excuse</u>
Miss R.M. Sloamer	1/10/31	1 minute late	Excused in view of overtime
Miss I. C. Merz	" "	" " "	Excused in view of overtime
Miss S. L. Butler	1/10/31	10 " "	Excused and advised of re- quirements.
Miss R.M. Sloamer	1/13/31	8 minutes late	" " " " "
Miss M.G. Reinke	1/15/31	2 " "	Excused in view of overtime
Miss S.L. Butler	1/16/31	6 " "	" " " " "
Miss R.M. Sloamer	2/4/31	2 " "	Advised and excused
Miss M.G. Reinke	2/4/31	3 " "	Bus late - excused
M. H. Purvis	2/6/31	1 hr. 20 min.	Sick--bad throat
Miss S.L. Butler	2/7/31	1 minute late	Excused in view of overtime
M. H. Purvis	2/21/31	2 minutes late	Sick-bad throat-excused
C. M. Redford	2/21/31	2 minutes late	Operator failed to call-excused
Miss M. Jacobs	3/3/31	3 minutes late	Excused and advised of re- quirements.
Miss M. Jacobs	3/6/31	4 minutes late	Shopping traffic
Miss S.L. Butler	3/7/31	3 minutes late	" "
Miss M.G. Reinke	3/7/31	3 minutes late	" "
Miss M. Jacobs	3/9/31	1 minute late	" "

The Cincinnati Office was in good condition; cases were not only being properly taken care of, but the general appearance of the office was good. There were, however, a few pieces of miscellaneous papers and some useless articles in the drawers of the desk used by Mr. Purvis. These items, however, were on the opposite side of the desk than that which is used by him. I found a couple of straw hats and a raincoat in a wardrobe cabinet, which in my opinion should not have been there.

I interviewed U. S. Attorney Haveth E. Mau at Cincinnati, and he was very well satisfied with the work being performed by the Cincinnati Office. I talked with the Director of Public Safety, and he expressed the same opinion as did the U. S. Attorney, - being well satisfied with the work being performed.

I was unable to U. S. Attorney Sparks of Louisville, Ky. Upon going to Indianapolis, I was unable to see Mr. Jeffry, U. S. Attorney, there, but I did talk with his assistant, who expressed himself as very pleased with the cooperation afforded that office by the Cincinnati Office

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and he informed me that Mr. Jeffry was equally well pleased.

Attached hereti is a personnel report of this office.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. Cullen  
Inspector

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Purvis, M. H. - Special Agent in Charge

Entered on duty February 4, 1927; receives a salary of \$4600 per annum; is single; and 27 years of age. He is a member of the South Carolina Bar. He made a grade of 100% on the Manual of Rules and Regulations, and 100% on the Manual of Instructions.

Mr. Purvis is very industrious, dependable, sincere and aggressive. He administers the office in an excellent fashion, and I believe he is 100% Bureau-minded. I believe he compares favorably with others as Agent in Charge.

Report of Inspector T. F. Cullen  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
March 17-20, 1931

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April 7, 1931.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a carbon copy of your letter to the San Francisco office, dated March 25, 1931, calling attention to an undeveloped lead in the report of Special Agent G. N. Ottosen, of your office, dated February 25, 1931, in the case of Clyde Bell, with aliases, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and White Slave Traffic Act.

Reference to this report shows that this lead was set forth for the Los Angeles office and not for the San Francisco office, and this matter is being called to your attention so that such errors may be avoided in the future.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of Bureau letter dated April 7, to the Los Angeles office, instructing that office to give this matter immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

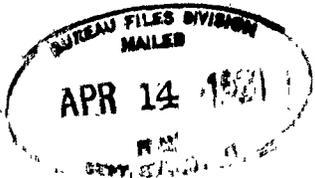
Dear Mr. Purvis:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your communication of March 31st containing suggestions which you submit for consideration with a view to possible changes in Bureau rules and policies.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for the courtesy and interest displayed by you in the matter and to state that your suggestions will receive careful study.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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April 10, 1931.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please advise the Bureau immediately as to the reason for your failure to comply with the instructions contained in the Bureau's letter dated March 18, 1931, relative to the case of FRANKLIN-ROGERS MOTOR COMPANY, INC., W. O. ROGERS, President, National Bankruptcy Act.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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M. H. PURVIS - SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

This employee entered the service February 4, 1927, and now receives a salary of \$5,000. per year. He is twenty-seven years of age, single, and is a member of the Bar of South Carolina. He prefers office assignment at Washington. Mr. Purvis made a grade of 100% on the Manual of Rules and Regulations, and 100% on the Manual of Instructions. He exhibited a very good knowledge of the Crime Statistics Manual, and satisfactorily answered all questions with two exceptions.

I believe that Mr. Purvis is intelligent, alert, industrious and quick. He is possessed of force, aggressiveness and the ability to see that work is performed properly and quickly. I believe that he is a good executive. As an Agent in Charge, I would rate him "good." As a Special Agent, I would recommend that he be classified as "excellent."

Washington Field Office Inspection,  
March 31-April 20, 1931.

T. F. Cullen,  
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.  
April 1, 1931.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 10, 1931, requesting a detailed list of the residences of Agents attached to this office. In accordance with your request, the following is submitted concerning all Agents of the Cincinnati office:

NAME	CINCINNATI ADDRESS	HOME ADDRESS (Residence)	NEXT OF KIN
PURVIS, M. H.	Netherland Plaza Hotel	Timmonsville, S. C.	M. H. Purvis, (father) Timminsville, S. C.
CANNON, J. R.	Netherland Plaza Hotel	132 Delaware Ave., Olyphant, Pa.	M. F. Cannon (father) 132 Delaware Ave., Olyphant, Pa.
CRANSTON, A. S.	Metropole Hotel Cincinnati, Ohio	1339 Park Rd., N.W., Washington, D. C.	Mrs. A. S. Cranston (wife) 1339 Park Rd., N. W. Washington, D.C.
HURLEY, F. E.	Fountain Square Hotel	21 Sumner Street, Melrose, Mass.	Mrs. F. E. Hurley (wife) 21 Sumner St., Melrose, Mass.
MEHEGAN, A. D.	Apt. 24, 1503 N. Pennsylvania St. Indianapolis, Ind.	Same	Mrs. A. D. Mehegan Same (wife)
MORTON, Bliss,	Apt. 10, Idella Manor, 1674 Herbert Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio	Same	Mrs. Bliss Morton Same (wife)
MOWRY, J. W.	Fountain Square Hotel	311 N. Center St., Marshalltown, Ia.	Wm. Mowry (father) 311 N. Center St., Marshalltown, Ia.

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April 10, 1931.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is again called to the case entitled EVERETT  
HARDEN, et al, White Slave Traffic Act, wherein it appears that the  
Jacksonville office requested your office by letter dated January  
13, 1931, to present the facts in this case to the United States  
Attorney to ascertain whether he would institute prosecution, if  
the facts as alleged were established to be true.

The Jacksonville office called this matter to your attention  
by letter dated February 20, 1931. It does not appear that your of-  
fice acknowledged receipt of this letter and the Bureau desires to be  
informed as to the reason for such failure.

The Bureau file contains a carbon copy of a memorandum issued  
by you to Special Agent J. L. Fallon, dated February 28, 1931, wherein  
it is noted that this employee conducted an unnecessary and incomplete  
investigation in this case at Staunton, Virginia.

On March 13, 1931, the Bureau requested to be advised as to the  
status of this matter and your letter dated March 16 indicated that  
the case would be given preferred attention. The Bureau has not as  
yet received a report in this case. You are, therefore, requested  
to advise the Bureau as to the reason for the delay in executing the  
lead set forth for your office in this case and you are instructed  
to give the same immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

Washington, D. C.  
April 13, 1931

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation, RE: EVERETT MARDEN et al  
Department of Justice, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 10, 1931 in the above entitled matter.

There appears to be no reason for the delay in this matter. The report has been dictated and will be typed this afternoon. Every effort will be put forth to avoid a recurrence of this nature in the future.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis  
Special Agent in Charge

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Washington, D. C.  
April 14, 1931

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation, RE: FRANKLIN-ROGERS MOTOR CO., INC.  
Department of Justice, W. O. ROGERS - PRESIDENT  
Washington, D. C. NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 10, 1931 in the above case. I am unable to determine why the Bureau's instructions have not previously been carried out.

I am informed that Agent J. T. Flournoy did not dictate his report in this matter, covering investigation made by him, and that he furnished Agent W. E. Miller with his notes, in order that the latter might testify before the Grand Jury at Richmond, Va. on April 6, 1931, at which time subject was indicted.

There appears to be no reason for this delay and that the reports should have been written by this time. I will confer with Agent Flournoy immediately upon his return and endeavor to bring this matter to a logical conclusion.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis  
Special Agent in Charge

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Washington, D. C.  
April 23, 1931

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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 22, 1931, concerning various errors made by this office. Specific reference is made to Paragraph 1 of Page 2 of said letter, which refers to the report of Special Agent S. W. Hardy dated March 3, 1931, in the case entitled "George Oscar Crouch", our file 71-40. A period of over five months had elapsed between the receipt of the complaint and the investigation. This appears entirely unwarranted, and upon investigation I find that the case was assigned to Agent Grout on 10/16/31; Agent Hardy, 10/20/30; Agent Fallon; 11/20/30; and Agent Hardy again on 2/12/31. It is believed that action should have been taken by any of the above Agents prior to the time it was taken.

The other matters mentioned in your letter have been called to the attention of the proper parties, and efforts will be made to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. Purvis  
Special Agent in Charge

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May 7, 1931.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of Special Agent A. W. Jacobson of your office dated April 28, 1931, in the case of MARTIN FREEMAN, et al, White Slave Traffic Act.

The Bureau's file shows that the apprehension of subjects Martin Freeman and Mrs. Billie Freeman was recorded in the report of Special Agent A. C. Russell of the Birmingham office under date of April 3, 1931, and a copy of this report was furnished to your office. Under these conditions, the Bureau is unable to understand the reason for the investigation made by Special Agent Jacobson and you are instructed to take appropriate steps to see that such errors do not occur again.

Very truly yours,

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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation, RE: MARTIN FREEMAN, et al  
Department of Justice, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 7, 1931 in the above case, which called attention to the fact that investigation was performed by this office when such action was no longer required. It has been found that the serials in this case had been filed in the case entitled "E. H. Livingston alias "Blackie"; Martin Freeman; Mrs. Billie Freeman - victim; Mary Owen - victim - White Slave Traffic Act".

The mis-filing of matters of this nature will be carefully scrutinized, and efforts will be made to see that such errors do not occur in the future.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. Purvis  
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

For purposes of record, please be advised that Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis attended a special school for Special Agents in Charge conducted by Inspector J. M. Keith at the Washington Field Office during the week of May 4, 1931.

Respectfully,

*Clyde A. Tolson*  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
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Dear Sir:

The following described errors noted in reports emanating from your office are called to your attention in order that you may immediately take steps to prevent a recurrence of such errors in subsequent reports. The Bureau feels that the Special Agent in Charge is responsible for all such matters and expects him to impress upon the Special Agents attached to his office the necessity of preparing official reports and correspondence properly in the first instance.

The report of Special Agent E. N. Notestein, dated April 23rd, entitled MAUD GREEN, your File #73-180, shows in the details that the subject has an alias of MARCELLA THOMAS. Said alias should have been included in the title of the report.

The report of Special Agent M. D. Trumb, dated April 22nd, entitled JAMES FRANCIS O'GALDIN, your File #26-2480, shows the value of the recovered car in the synopsis but fails to mention the same in the details of the report.

The report of Special Agent S. W. Hardy, dated April 3rd, entitled EDWARD A. SCOTT, with aliases and RITA V. VAN BURKIRK, your File #26-2450, apparently contains the wrong spelling of the name of one subject in the title. The name given in the title is VAN BURKIRK and that spelling occurs in two other places on the first page of the report. Prior reports give the name as VAN BUSKIRK; in fact the report of Special Agent Hardy contains the spelling VAN BUSKIRK twice on Page 1 and twice on Page 2. It is believed that these inconsistencies should have been noted prior to the approval of the report which was approved by Acting Special Agent in Charge Louis Lochl.

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The report of Special Agent A. W. Jacobsen, dated April 21, 1931, entitled ROBERT C. MILLER, your File #17-242, gives the spelling of the name of the Director of the Veterans Bureau in the synopsis as "EGAN" and in the details on Page 3, this name is spelled "IGANS." The correct spelling is "JAMES." These errors should have been noted before the report was approved.

The following noted reports have been unduly and in some cases inexcusably delayed:

- Report of Special Agent J. L. Fallon, entitled HARRY THAMAN, your File #31-1962, dated 4/3/31 - 16 days' delay.
- Report of Special Agent J. L. Fallon, entitled FRANK V. CLARKE, your File #31-1896, dated 4/2/31 - 16 days' delay.
- Report of Special Agent J. T. Flournoy, entitled JOHN WILLIAM MILLER, your File #31-2033, dated 4/17/31 - 35 days' delay.
- Report of Special Agent J. H. Hansen, entitled A. H. BOMERT, your File #47-840, dated 4/8/31 - 20 days' delay.
- Report of Special Agent H. Boddie, entitled CHARLES PAYNE, your File #62-1980, dated 4/13/31 - 22 days' delay.
- Report of Special Agent H. Boddie, entitled ROBERT BUCONNOR, your File #62-2041, dated 4/11 - 30 days' delay.
- Report of Special Agent M. A. Joyce, entitled F. H. PARMELER, your File #70-123, dated 4/18/31 - 27 days' delay.
- Report of Special Agent J. H. Hansen, entitled P. S. ADKI, et al, your File #47-844, dated 4/8/31 - 22 days' delay.
- Report of Special Agent B. E. Sackett, entitled C. A. TATE, your File #70-119, dated 4/27/31 - 19 days' delay.
- Report of Special Agent M. D. Traub, entitled ROBERT J. SWAIN, your File #47-834, dated 4/25/31 - 19 days' delay.
- Report of Special Agent M. D. Traub, entitled J. H. DENNARD, your File #62-1957, dated 4/27/31 - 19 days' delay.

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- X Report of Special Agent M. D. Traub, entitled D. F. BECK, et al, your File #8-1, dated 4/25/31 - 18 days' delay.
- X Report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, entitled ADAM BIVENS, et al, your File #26-2432 - 18 days' delay, dated 4/8/31.
- X Report of Special Agent J. T. Flournoy, entitled EARL W. COLLINS, your File #26-2082, dated 4/17/31 - 22 days' delay.
- X Report of Special Agent E. E. Sackett, entitled LEROY BROWN, your File #26-2384, dated 4/27/31 - 28 days' delay.
- X Report of Special Agent M. D. Traub, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECT, your File #26-2475, dated 4/28/31 - 25 days' delay.
- X Report of Special Agent J. T. Flournoy, entitled KEYSTONE FURNITURE COMPANY, your File #49-465, dated 4/27/31 - 18 days' delay.
- X Report of Special Agent M. D. Traub, entitled WALTER ROWAN, your File #49-461, dated 4/25/31 - 21 days' delay.
- X Report of Special Agent John L. Hickey, entitled BERTHA MORRIS ALLEN, your File #31-1941, dated 4/11/31 - 16 days' delay.
- X Report of Special Agent J. L. Fallon, entitled ARTHUR FURN, your File #31-2013, dated 4/14/31 - 19 days' delay.
- X Report of Special Agent J. L. Fallon, entitled VIRGIL E. RIVENBURGH, your File #31-1956, dated 4/13/31 - 17 days' delay.
- X Report of Special Agent M. D. Traub, entitled CHICAGO BLOOMER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, your File #49-456, dated 4/10/31 - 45 days' delay.
- X Report of Special Agent M. D. Traub, entitled SIMON B. WISMAN, your File #49-473, dated 4/10/31 - 21 days' delay.
- X Report of Special Agent E. Boddie, entitled ISADOR BLUM, your File #49-467, dated 4/11/31 - 15 days' delay.
- X Report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, entitled ARTHUR AINGE, your File #31-2014, dated 4/7/31 - 19 days' delay.
- X Report of Special Agent C. E. Bodson, entitled JOHN H. WRIGHT, your File #49-446, dated 4/21/31 - 17 days' delay.

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X Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, entitled JAMES MURPHY,  
your File #31-2017, dated 4/25/31 - 15 days' delay.

X Report of Special Agent S. W. Hardy, entitled H. W. BRADSHAW,  
your File #47-615, dated 4/3/31 - 20 days' delay.

X Report of Special Agent J. T. Flournoy, entitled CHARLES KEARNEY,  
your File #26-2463, dated 4/3/31 - 17 days' delay.

X Report of Special Agent S. W. Hardy, entitled OLIVER J. CAMPBELL,  
your File #31-1851, dated 4/2/31 - 16 days' delay.

X Report of Special Agent E. J. Messner, entitled AUGUST S. BODANO,  
your File #31-2052, dated 4/6/31 - 21 days' delay.

X Report of Special Agent S. W. Hardy, entitled LARRY W. STEGALL,  
your File #31-2012, dated 4/4/31 - 19 days' delay.

X Report of Special Agent M. D. Tread, entitled R. J. SWAIN, et al,  
your File #47-834, dated 3/31/31 - 25 days' delay.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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May 21, 1931.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

On April 20, 1931 Inspector Cullen called to your attention the delinquency of the case entitled ROY MARKS ET AL, White Slave Traffic Act, in which case it appears that the latest report was submitted under date of January 7, 1931.

A review of the Bureau's file in this case shows that a report has not yet been submitted by your office, and you are requested to furnish the Bureau with an explanation for the continued delay in this case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
 MR. SCHILDER  
 MR. PURVIS. 0

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With reference to the investigation of Frank T. Floman which was initiated on Wednesday, May 6, 1931, there are several comments which I am desirous of making concerning the handling of this matter. It was not handled in the manner most desired.

In the first place, I consider that a very serious mistake was made in the placing of a blank sheet of paper in the envelope which was delivered by Mr. Lockout to Mr. Floman, and which was supposed to contain the prints of Arthur J. Klein. A set of prints other than those of Arthur J. Klein could have been placed in the envelope. By placing a blank sheet of paper in the envelope, Floman, if he were endowed with any degree of intelligence, would have known immediately upon opening the envelope that there was something peculiar about the situation and would have immediately left town.

In the second place, I gave specific instructions that Floman be kept under surveillance until a warrant was obtained and the arrest made. These instructions were not followed and Floman was permitted, after having received the envelope and delivered the balance of the money to Lockout to depart without any surveillance being effected.

In the third place, the Agent assigned to the case from the Washington Field Office did not keep in contact with his field office and consequently could not be located later in the evening of Wednesday May 6th, when I learned of the improper handling of this investigation and was desirous of contacting with the Agent. I believe that the Agent in Charge of the Washington Field Office should insist upon all of his Agents keeping in touch with the local office and keeping the local office advised of their whereabouts so they can be promptly contacted with, if necessary.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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May 12, 1931

*Purvis*

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 626,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter addressed to you under date of May 6th, referring to the delinquent status of the investigation entitled NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MOTOR COLOR MANUFACTURERS, copies of that letter having been sent to the Pittsburgh, Birmingham and Washington field offices.

In the original instruction of April 8th, your attention was invited to the request of Mr. O'Brien, the Assistant to the Attorney General, that the inquiries of the several companies be conducted as nearly simultaneously as possible, and it was stated that this plan would necessitate some arrangement with the Bureau offices called upon to make said investigation, in order that said inquiries might be instituted at approximately the same time. In view of this specific instruction, it is difficult to understand why the three offices of the Bureau named above should not have made an investigation and submitted reports at this time—approximately one month after the investigation should have been made.

The Bureau will be pleased to hear from you in connection with the instructions sent to the several offices, and the Bureau likewise desires to receive advice from the Pittsburgh, Birmingham and Washington field offices as to the reason for the delay in this case. Those offices shall immediately forward reports covering the investigation in their districts.

Very truly yours,

cc-Birmingham  
cc-Pittsburgh  
cc-Washington

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May 21, 1931.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

The report of Inspector Cullen covering the recent inspection of your office includes a reference to the case entitled JOSEPH MANFRA, White Slave Traffic Act.

It appears that this case was received at your office on February 11, 1931 and although the case was called to your attention by Inspector Cullen, no report has as yet been received at the Bureau.

Please furnish the Bureau with an explanation for the delay in this case and advise when a report may be expected.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Washington, D. C.

May 22, 1931.

Director  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ROY MARKS, ET AL,  
White Slave Traffic Act,  
Washington Field file #31-1682.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter, dated May 21, 1931, in the above case. I talked this over with Special Agent Boddis as to the reason for the delinquency of this matter and no satisfactory explanation has been given. In view of the fact that Agent Boddis is being designated as resident Agent at Norfolk, Va., I am reassigning this matter and am instructing that the proper attention be given to it.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. Purvis,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BAUGHMAN  
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I am attaching hereto a list of cases referred to as neglected by Inspector Gullen during a recent inspection of the Washington field office.

You will please review said cases and in the event you believe any comment necessary, furnish me with same.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Assistant Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

As a result of an inspection of the Washington Field office, the following matters are brought to your attention in order that steps might be taken looking toward their correction:

52-324 - Unknown Subject. This case was received in this office March 10, 1931, and no report appears to have been submitted to date.

31-2016 - Joseph Manfha. This case was received here February 11, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

31-1761 - Frederick C. Speidel. No action appears to have been taken concerning this case since the receipt of a report here January 22, 1931.

29-49.- Harold V. Quigley. Under date of March 30, 1931, a communication was addressed to the U. S. Attorney at Washington, D. C., informing him that an agent would confer with him at an early date. According to the file, no action appears to have been taken looking toward the consummation of this suggestion.

26-2384 - Leroy Brown. No report has been submitted in this case since January 15, 1931.

26-2370 - Stanley Paxson Hough. No report has been submitted in this case since January 31, 1931, at which time a lead for the Washington office was set out.

26-1659 - Clement Jefferies - Fugitive. No action appears to have been taken in this case since January 26, 1931.

49-425 - H. Yancy Moss. No action appears to have been taken in this case since March 19, 1931. On that date, the file was reviewed by Special Agent Eoddis and certain leads suggested. There appears to

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be no good reason why Special Agent Boddie reviewed this case as it has not been assigned to him, and Agent Boddie has not been designated as a supervisor of bankruptcy work.

31-2024 - John McAdams. This case was received February 27, 1931, and no action appears to have been taken in this case since then. It is noted that under date of March 3, 1931, a letter was addressed to the U. S. Attorney at Roanoke, Va. The first paragraph of this letter recited unnecessarily all of the details of a communication received from him. The last paragraph advises the U. S. Attorney that the case would be assigned for investigation. This letter is an example of superfluous phraseology in official communications, and there appears to be no good reason why all of the details of an incoming communication should be reviewed again in the answer thereto.

31-1945 - Forest Williams. No action appears to have been taken in this case since March 9, 1931.

31-1152 - George Abel Cassell. No action appears to have been taken in this case since November 29, 1930.

26-2138 - Ed Slade. There has been no report submitted in this case since February 13, 1931.

12-11 - E. H. Myers - Fugitive. The investigation of this case appears to have been lapsed between the period of February 26, 1931, to April 11, 1931.

31-2020 - James Jordan. This case was received February 19, 1931, and no report has been submitted since then.

17-222 - George Graham. There has been no report submitted in this case since November 11, 1930.

76-366 - Edward French. The prosecution in this case appears to have been completed March 25, 1931, and there appears to be no good reason why the case has not been closed.

73-118 - Sallie Carter - Fugitive. There was a lead set out for this office February 26, 1931, and no action appears to have been taken in connection therewith since.

73-106 - Jesse Glen Hall - Fugitive. There has been no report submitted in this case since March 9, 1931.

62-1999 - James J. Lenihan. No action appears to have been

taken in connection with this case since February 9, 1931.

60-145 - United Plumbing & Heating Company. On March 24, 1931, a communication was received from the Bureau advising that this case could be closed. It has not been closed yet.

49-479 - Nemon S. Swyden. This case was received March 11, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

49-466 - Max Rumshire. This case was received January 31, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

49-465.- Keystone Furniture Company, Inc. This case was received January 29, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

49-452 - Franklin-Rogers Motor Company, Inc. Under date of March 19, 1931, a letter was received from the Bureau instructing that this investigation be completed immediately and a summary report be prepared. These instructions do not appear to have been followed.

49-424 - T. F. Gibson. A lead was set out for this office March 9, 1931, and no report has been submitted since.

31-1992 - John Jones, et al. This case was received March 7, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

31-1971 - James Troy Whitaker. A lead was received from the Charlotte office December 16, 1931, and no report has been submitted on this lead: up to this time, notwithstanding the fact that Charlotte has followed the case up by letter on two occasions and by telegram on two other occasions, and the matter was made the subject of a Bureau communication dated April 2, at which time instructions were given that a report be submitted. This case appears to have had no supervision whatsoever.

26-2439 - Samuel Asbury Johnson. On March 6, 1931, a lead was set out that the matter would be submitted to the U. S. Attorney, and yet it appears not to have been disposed of since then, and nothing appears to have been done in connection with the case.

26-2378 - Rufus Carter - Fugitive. This case was received January 9, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

26-2082 - Earl W. Collins - Fugitive. This case was received March 4, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

26-997 - United States vs. Marvin Weaver, et al. On March 3,

1931, a communication was received from the U. S. Attorney at Roanoke, Va., advising that he would advise if subject did not appear at the court house on March 2, 1931. No further word has been received from him, notwithstanding which fact no action seems to have been taken by this office looking toward the follow up of the matter.

62-2049 - James N. Crofton. This case was received March 5, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

49-413 - James H. Elkins Construction Company. This case was received February 28, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

31-1995 - Marlyn Schoffstall. A lead was received from the Philadelphia office January 19, 1931, and no action appears to have been taken looking to the following out of said lead. It was later ascertained that the case was closed by the Philadelphia office on February 1. It is believed that this lead should have been followed up prior to that time.

29-234 - A. M. Davila - Fugitive. This case was received here February 27, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

49-439 - Thomas C. Coleman. Nothing appears to have been done in this case since January 29, 1931.

17-242 - Robert C. Miller. This case was received February 28, 1931, and no action appears to have been taken since then.

17-241 - Rosie Bell Owen. This case was received February 26, 1931, and no action appears to have been taken.

15-16 - Calvin C. Lanham - Fugitive. A lead was received at this office February 12, 1931, and another one on March 5, 1931. No report, however, appears to have been submitted by this office since.

26-2443 - S. E. Holder. This case was received here February 24, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

52-321 - Charles R. Odle. This case was received March 14, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

17-213 - Albert Givens - Fugitive. This case was received March 12, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

62-1894 - Mystic Manufacturing Company. This case was received September 24, 1930, and no report appears to have been submitted.

29-232 - State Planters Bank & Trust Company, Richmond, Va. This case was received February 7, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

76-397 - Morley Galarneau - Fugitive. This case was received March 13, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

76-65 - William Smith - Fugitive. A lead was set out for this office March 19, 1931, which does not appear to have been covered.

73-150 - Linnie Jack Franklin - Fugitive. This case was received March 16, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

26-2462 - John Ross Moore. A lead was received March 14, 1931, and no report appears to have been submitted.

29-223 - A. P. Talley. This case was received November 17, 1930, and no report appears to have been submitted to date.

76-418 - Melborn Blanton - Fugitive. A lead received here February 20, 1931, does not appear to have been covered.

62-1504 - Arthur N. Marr - Fugitive. The last report submitted in this case was February 18, 1931. Prior to that time the next report was December 12, 1930. This case does not appear to have had proper supervision.

26-2324 - Samuel R. Alley. A lead was received here January 28, 1931, and no report appears to have been submitted.

52-311 - Ford Iron & Metal Company, Baltimore, Md. This case was received December 1, 1930, and no report appears to have been submitted.

49-468 - The Hub. This case was received February 25, 1931, and no report appears to have been submitted.

26-2408 - Ford Sedan Motor #A823595. This case was received January 19, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

49-421 - Joseph A. Torrillo. No report has been submitted in this case since January 14, 1931.

49-564 - Crown Mirror and Novelty Company. This case has been improperly carried as inactive since April 3, 1931, when a Bureau letter was received ordering further investigation.

49-355 - Edward M. Harding. Former Acting Agent in Charge R. P. Burruss was instructed by Bureau communication dated December 22, 1930, to review this case and advise the Bureau whether the investigation had been sufficiently thorough. The file was reviewed by Agent Conway, and under date of January 3, 1931, a memorandum for the file was dictated. This memorandum of Agent Conway was incorporated verbatim, with the exception of one word, in a letter dated January 13, 1931, signed and dictated by Mr. Burruss, in which he expressed the contents of said memorandum to be his opinion of the case. This review should have been made by the Agent in Charge rather than a Special Agent.

49-330 - Pearl Jenkins. No action appears to have been taken in this case since February 13, 1931.

47-534 - Harry Martin. The letter dated April 10, 1931, addressed to the U. S. Attorney, being serial 83, appears to contain in the first portion thereof an unnecessary recital of the details of an incoming communication.

31-1786 - Latimer Townsend. Under date of February 26, 1931, a communication dated February 25, 1931, was received from the Bureau in which advice was requested as to when a report should be expected. This letter does not appear to have been answered.

31-1682 - Roy Marks. A lead was set out for this office January 7, 1931, and no report appears to have been submitted thereon since.

31-1517 - W. F. Rust. Under date of March 19, 1931, a communication dated March 19, was received from the Bureau requesting advice as to when a report could be expected. This Bureau communication has not been answered.

26-2437 - Nash Coupe, Motor #60109. This case was received February 19, 1931, and no report has been submitted thereon.

26-2288 - John Thomas George, Jr., A lead was set out for this office February 19, 1931, and it does not appear to have been covered.

26-694 - Kenneth L. Fry. In the letter dated January 8, 1931, addressed to the U. S. Attorney, Norfolk, Va., being serial 22, there are two paragraphs constituting an unnecessary recital of details of an incoming communication.

62-1814 - Briggs and Furivas. This case does not appear to have been followed up since December 31, 1930.

62-1757 - Carley Life Float Company. This case does not appear to have been followed up since December 31, 1930.

62-1718 - R. H. Arnold. This case does not appear to have been followed up since January 8, 1931.

62-1551 - Passaic Valley Sewerage. This case does not appear to have been followed up since February, 1931.

62-1254 - L. W. F. Engineering Company, Inc. This case does not appear to have been followed up since January, 1931.

46-135 - General Textile Corporation. This case does not appear to have been followed up since January, 1931.

46-128 - Southern Shipyards Corporation. This case does not appear to have been followed up since December 31, 1930.

29-184 - William H. Coulbourn. This case has been improperly carried as inactive since March 28, 1931, when a communication was received from the U. S. Attorney at Baltimore, Md., requesting a further investigation.

29-148 - Dora L. Davis. The investigation in this case appears to have been completed, and it is believed that the matter could be carried as inactive. Serial 16 in this file is a memorandum for the file dated February 14, 1931, which appears to be entirely unnecessary.

76-58 - Homer Ray Custer. This case was received February 9, 1931, and no report appears to have been submitted thereon.

60-150 - Smoot Sand & Gravel Corporation. This case was received March 14, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

49-472 - Fred Zamer. This case was received February 16, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

49-326 - Ester Kline. Under date of February 16, 1931, the Bureau wrote to former Acting Agent in Charge Burruss requesting that he review this case and advise the Bureau whether in his opinion the investigation had been sufficiently thorough. On March 4, 1931, Special Agent Boddis wrote a memorandum concerning this case suggesting further investigative activity. Under date of March 17, 1931, this memorandum was incorporated in a letter dated March 17, 1931, by Mr. Burruss to the Bureau expressing the views set forth therein as his opinion, and incorporating the memorandum verbatim in his letter without quotation.

47-842. Charles F. Detrich. This case was received February 12, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

15-92 - James H. Clark. This case was received February 27, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

26-856 - John Leslie - Fugitive. This case was received March 10, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

62-1697 - Newport Shipbuilding Corporation. This case had not been followed up since December 31, 1930.

62-1552 - Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Corporation. This case has not been followed up since December 31, 1930.

62-1546 - Levering and Garrigues Company. This case has not been followed up since December 31, 1930.

49-192 - Peoples Tire Company. A communication dated January 14, 1931, from the representative of the National Association of Credit Men at Baltimore was received at this office January 15, 1931, requesting advice concerning this case. This communication does not appear to have been answered.

46-140 - Aluminum Company of America. This appears to have been no progress report submitted in this case for the months of March and April.

46-123 - Dow Chemical Company. This case does not appear to have been followed up since December 31, 1930.

62-1851.- J. B. Wise. Under date of November 25, 1930, a memorandum was dictated by Agent Oritt stating that Mr. Farr of the Department would be able to take up this matter within two or three months. The three months period expired February 25, 1931, and no action appears to have been taken in the case since that date.

73-174 - Robert Smith - Fugitive. This case was received February 6, 1931, and no report has been submitted. A later report from the Cincinnati office, being that of Agent Morton dated March 10, 1931, suggests that the Washington Field office await the outcome of a further lead. However, no action was taken in this case between February 6, and March 13, and no action has been taken since March 13.

62-1994 - James Inceas Mather. This case was received January 24, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

62-1897 - Pearl M. Lund. Under date of December 10, 1930, the Bureau wrote a communication concerning this case, calling attention to the fact that no report had been received, and instructing that it be given prompt attention. No action appears to have been taken pursuant to this letter other than a notation thereon by former Acting Agent in Charge Burruss to Mrs. Sisson advising her to give the letter to the agent handling the case. It is believed that this matter should have been followed up and more vigorously supervised by the Agent in Charge.

17-237 - Millard T. Engle. This case was received February 9, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

17-235 - Henry G. Cason. This case was received February 7, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

47-852 - Meyer Giffen. This case was received March 9, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

47-843 - Rudolph Ernest DePalma. Serial 21 is a memorandum for the file dated March 23, 1931, which appears to be entirely unnecessary. It mentions the fact that information was received in connection with the case, and a wire was despatched to Agent Pennington requesting that he conduct the investigation. The files of the office show the copies of the telegram and show all of the data, rendering such a memorandum unnecessary.

47-846 - E. A. Hammond. This case was received February 21, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

47-839 - Roy Parker. This case was received February 9, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

42-370 - Gurnie Kile - Fugitive. This case was received February 14, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

31-2031 - Frank Best. This case was received March 6, 1931, and only partly covered in a report dated April 9, 1931. The other portion of the investigation has not been made.

26-2433 - Howard Allen Noah. This case was received February 19, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

26-2421 - William S. Hayes. A lead was received here February 9, 1931, which has not been covered, although a report was submitted on March 23, 1931.

26-2393 - Leo Delage. This case was received February 9, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

26-1049 - A. M. Basehoar. Nothing has been done on this case since December 27, 1930.

15-89 - Carl L. Hatchell. This case was received February 9, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

15-88 - Fred Burke - Fugitive. This case was received January 14, 1931, and no report has been submitted. This appears to have been

part of the investigation involving the location of the now famous fugitive Fred Burke, and the lead set out for this office is intended to acquire information as to subject's whereabouts.

52-325 - Raymond Soderquist. This case was received here March 16, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

73-178 - Leonard Roberts - Fugitive. This case was received March 18, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

49-410 - K. W. Showfety. This case was received here March 18, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

31-2041 - Travis T. Morris. This case was received March 16, 1931, and no report has been submitted.

T. F. Cullen,  
Inspector.

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Hurley-Wright Bldg.  
Washington, D. C.  
May 23, 1931.

Director  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Re: JOSEPH MANSHA,  
MARIE KENNEY, with alias,  
White Slave Traffic Act,  
Washington Field file #31-2016.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 21, 1931 requesting an explanation for the delay in this case. In this connection, reference is also made to my memorandum to Special Agent Sackett, dated April 29, 1931, a copy of which was furnished to the Bureau, calling his attention to the delinquent status of this case and to the fact that reports had been dictated late.

The records of this office show that a report of Special Agent Sackett went forward to the Bureau on May 4, 1931. It is requested that, if a re-check is made and it is not found, that I be advised and additional copies will be furnished.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 23, 1931

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Your attention is again called to the case entitled John P. Hise, et al - National Bankruptcy Act. The Bureau's file shows that this case was referred to your office under date of September 19, 1930, and that only two reports have been submitted since that date--one dated December 9, 1930, and the second dated March 31, 1931. It further appears that this case has been repeatedly called to the attention of your office, and the Bureau desires that you give the same prompt attention.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Assistant Director.

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May 29, 1931.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

A review of the Bureau files fails to reveal a report from you covering conferences on your part with United States Attorneys in your district during the month of April, 1931.

Will you please advise the Bureau relative to your failure to comply with instructions in this regard.

Very truly yours,

Director.

*Purvis*

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Bureau of Investigation  
Hurley-Wright Bldg.  
Washington, D. C.  
June 4, 1931.

Director  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 29, 1931, requesting advice relative to my failure to confer with United States Attorneys in this district during the month of April, 1931.

My plans were to do this and they were interrupted by other important business. It is expected that I will be able to confer with all of them sometime within the next ten days.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. Purvis,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 9, 1931.

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62-25336-3

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. R. Green, dated at Washington, D. C., June 2, 1931, entitled FORREST V. ALLEN alias ROBERT F. V. ALLEN, Miscellaneous Matter.

It is noted that a copy of this report was sent to Mr. John R. Schwartz, District Attorney of Dutchess County, Poughkeepsie, New York. This is an improper reference of a Bureau confidential report, and the Bureau expects that in the future no reports shall be sent by your office to agencies outside of the Federal Government.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau Bulletin No. 7  
advising that a course in bookkeeping and elementary  
accounting has been prepared and is available to all  
employees.

It is requested that I be furnished with this  
course.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 17, 1931.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

The following described errors, noted in reports and correspondence emanating from the Washington local office are called to your attention at this time in order that you may immediately take steps to prevent a recurrence of such errors in subsequent reports. The Bureau considers that the Agent in Charge is responsible for all such errors and desires that you exercise care when approving reports and correspondence submitted by the employees of your office. The Bureau also desires that you call these errors to the attention of those employees primarily responsible therefor.

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The report of Special Agent H. Boddie entitled JUNIUS L. SCROGGINS, your file 26-2153, covering the period May 27, 1931, shows the date when made as "5-6-31". This is obviously an error and possibly should be June 1, 1931. This report was approved by Acting Agent in Charge Loebel.

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The report of Special Agent L. Loebel dated April 28, 1931, entitled EDWARD J. GUNNING, your file 26-2338, shows that the inquiry was based on a report dated January 22 from the Seattle, Washington, office, thus indicating a delay of three months in investigative activity, which is considered most undesirable.

The report of Special Agent B. E. Sackett, dated April 30, entitled J. W. ROWE, your file 47-794, contains the name of "Ralph Hood" as a Subject. Prior reports on this case indicate that the name is Ralph Wood.

The report of Special Agent H. Boddie, dated June 1, 1931, entitled ALBERT A. SCHUBERT, your file 49-499, gives the office of origin as Washington, D. C., which is incorrect, as the Chicago office is the office of origin. Likewise, the synopsis of this report contains the notation "C." (closed), while the notation at the conclusion of the details is "Referred upon Completion to Office of Origin". This report was approved by Acting Agent in Charge Louis Loebel.

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The Bureau has received from your office during the past month 15 reports on investigations of applicants for Federal office (non-Bureau) with only one carbon. The Manual requires that three copies of such reports be forwarded to the Bureau. Please see that this provision of the Manual is adhered to carefully. All 15 reports in question were submitted by Special Agent R. P. Burruss.

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The Bureau also has noted 25 reports received from your office during the past month which have been delayed in typing 15 days or more. It is desired that this condition be immediately remedied and that reports be submitted more promptly.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

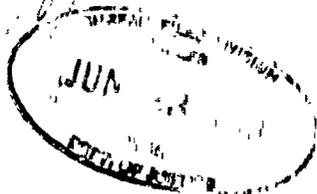
Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your communication regarding your desire to be enrolled in the bookkeeping and elementary accounting course in accordance with Bureau Bulletin No. 7. Your name has been placed on the list and you will be furnished with this course.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Assistant Director.

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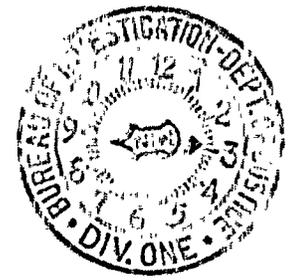


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Bureau of Investigation

Hurley-Wright Bldg.  
Washington, D. C.  
June 9, 1931.

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Director  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Re: TYPIST AND STENOGRAPHER APPLICANTS.

Dear Sir:

This office receives numerous telephone calls each day from applicants who have been advised to come in at appointed times for the purpose of taking tests. Their inquiries are usually whether or not they will be required to bring typewriter, notebooks, pencils, and so forth. It is believed that some time could be saved if the letter from the Bureau making the appointment for applicants stated that all materials such as typewriters are furnished here. This would eliminate a large number of useless inquiries, and it is suggested, if the Bureau deems this proper, that the letters to applicants in the future make a statement to this effect.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. Purvis,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 17, 1931.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 9, 1931, in which you suggest that the Bureau advise applicants for appointment as stenographer and typist that it will be unnecessary for them to furnish material for use in taking examination. Please be advised that your suggestion has been adopted.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Washington, D. C.  
June 19, 1931.



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Director  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter, dated June 17, 1931, which called attention to various errors on the part of employees of this office, please be advised that I have directed their attention orally to these errors and have instructed them to exercise proper care in matters of this nature in the future.

Every effort will be made to avoid the recurrence of same.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. Purvis,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 18, 1931, concerning the interview with Mrs. Martha Gold in Indiana, relative to the application of Miss Virginia Gold.

Every effort will be put forth to avoid a recurrence of matters of like nature.

Very truly yours, 0

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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Director  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Section 33 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, the following is submitted concerning my personnel status as of this date:

Marital status - unmarried

Societies and organizations - Kappa Alpha Fraternity (Southern); University Club, Washington, D. C.; member of Bar of S. C.

Legal residence - Timmons ville, S. C.

Education - Timmons ville High School, S. C.; University of South Carolina, LL.B. degree 1925.

Person to be notified in case of emergency - Mr. M. H. Purvis, father, Timmons ville, S. C.

Office where assignment preferred - Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. Purvis  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

The following described errors noted in reports and correspondence emanating from your office are called to your attention in order that you may immediately take steps to prevent a recurrence of similar errors in subsequent reports. The Bureau considers the Special Agent in Charge responsible for all such matters and desires to suggest that care be exercised in the reviewing of correspondence from your office. These errors should also be called to the attention of the individual employees primarily responsible therefor.

The report of Special Agent B. E. Sackett dated June 19th, entitled MR. HEBB, your File #65-8, concerns a possible violation of the Espionage Act and indicates that only two copies of the report were forwarded to the Bureau. The Bureau Manual of Rules and Regulations requires that three copies of such reports be forwarded to this office.

The report of Special Agent A. K. Jacobson, dated 5/8/31, shows the period for which made as 6/4&5/31. Obviously, the date of the report is incorrect as it antedates the period for which made.

The report of Special Agent M. A. Joyce, dated June 26th, entitled CLARENCE ZELL SKIPPER, your File #46-165, indicates that only two copies were furnished this office while the Manual requires that three copies of reports covering Frauds Against the Government be submitted to the Bureau.

The report of Special Agent M. P. Traub, dated June 26th, entitled WILLIAM R. HILL, your File #26-2544, contains a statement made by subject Hill, witnessed by Sheldon W. Fairchild, whose address is not given.

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The report of Special Agent M. D. Traub, dated June 4th, entitled DAVID GOLDBERG, et al, your File #26-2436, shows the period for which made as 5/11-5/14, 1931, indicating a lapse of 21 days between the investigative activity and the typing of the report, which is considered an undue delay. This report was approved by Acting Special Agent in Charge Louis Lebl.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

The following described errors have been noted in reports and correspondence emanating from your office. These errors are called to your attention in order that you may take steps to prevent a similar recurrence in subsequent reports. The Bureau holds the Special Agent in Charge responsible for all such errors and desires that you exercise care when approving reports and correspondence submitted by the employees of your office. Please call these errors to the attention of those employees primarily responsible therefor.

The report of Special Agent R. E. Newby, dated July 29, entitled Henry C. Stephens, contains an improper synopsis. The following statement is set forth in the synopsis of this report: "Ed. H. Wolff interviewed and explains his connection with the case." This is just a general statement and not an indication of the facts contained in the details of the report. A synopsis of facts should always contain a clear and concise summary of facts developed during the current investigation.

The report of Special Agent J. M. Hanson dated July 22, 1931, entitled Sarah Carter, fugitive, your file #73-118, was not received in the Bureau until July 27, 1931. There would appear to have been an unnecessary delay in the transmittal of this report.

The following reports show an unwarranted delay in the typing thereof:

Report of Special Agent J. T. Flournoy, dated July 28, entitled Frank W. Rickman, et al, your file #31-2087, forty-four days' delay.

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Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated July 31, entitled C. H. Hightower, with aliases, Fugitive, Identification Order #1143, your file #73-26, sixteen days' delay.

Report of Special Agent J. T. Flournoy, dated July 22, entitled Denny Hale, Fugitive, your file #73-191, thirty-three days' delay.

Report of Special Agent J. T. Flournoy, dated July 28, 1931, entitled Orben Delp, your file #26-2562, seventeen days' delay.

Report of Special Agent H. Boddie, dated July 25, 1931, entitled George J. Freeman, et al, your file #49-468, twenty-one days' delay.

Special Agent J. H. Hanson, dated July 17, 1931, entitled Montgomery (Alabama) Used Car Exchange, et al, your file #26-2545, sixteen days' delay.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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July 20, 1931

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: PERSONAL INTERVIEWS  
AND TELEPHONE CALLS

67-8200-1340

Miss Edna M. Foster, 4521 Illinois Avenue, N. W., called personally and was given a blank for the position of stenographer or typist.

Mrs. Effie Mastbrook, 627 Maryland Avenue, N. W., called personally and was given a blank for the position of typist or clerk.

Miss Mildred Brown, 5405 7th St., N. W., called personally and was given a blank for the position of typist.

Mr. E. E. Oliver, Rosalia, Virginia, called personally and was given a blank for the position of accountant.

Mr. Joseph E. Rudinsky, 1923 K St., N. W. called personally and was given a blank for the position of typist, clerk or messenger.

Mrs. Mary Childress, 49 Quincy Place, N. E., telephoned and requested a blank for the position of typist.

X An employee at the Washington Field Office telephoned and requested that a blank for the position of stenographer or typist be sent to Miss Harriet S. Reed, 1515 Adams St., Wilmington, Delaware, - at the request of Mr. Purvis.

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August 18, 1931

Mr. Pierce Miller,  
The United Press,  
1322 New York Avenue,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Miller:

Mr. Hughes has advised me of your interview with him with reference to the attitude of Mr. Purvis, The Special Agent in Charge of the local office of this Bureau, Hurley-Wright Building, Washington, D. C., at a time when you called to present a complaint of a possible violation of law.

I desire to thank you for calling this matter to my attention and to assure you that I always insist that employees of this Bureau receive the public as well as representatives of the press politely and cordially. I have taken the matter up with Special Agent in Charge Purvis and you can rest assured that no repetition of this attitude will occur.

Sincerely yours,

Director

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August 10, 1931.

*M. H. Rennie*

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: INSPECTION, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE,  
July 28, 1931 to August 5, 1931.

Dear Sir:

The inspection of the Washington Field office began July 28, 1931, and was concluded August 5, 1931.

It was unnecessary to write up any cases due to derelictions on the part of the Special Agent in Charge, but in four instances I orally discussed cases with him, and felt that his statements were acceptable.

PHYSICAL CONDITION

The physical condition of this office was greatly improved over the last inspection. However, it was found there were in the desk of the Assistant Agent in Charge a number of old keys, as well as a lot of extra keys for filing cabinets, and instructions were issued that these keys should be disposed of.

In Special Agent Jacobsen's desk there was found an envelope containing investigative notes from July 10, 1931.

In Agent Loebel's desk was a record constituting duplicate assignment cards on each case which has ever been assigned to him.

In the stenographic room there were a pair of shoes and a pair of rubbers in one of the cabinets. It was stated, however, that the shoes were used occasionally by one of the stenographers, and inasmuch as they were in a clothing cabinet, and kept in neat order, I do not feel that the Agent in Charge is

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subject to any criticism on this score.

The supply cabinets maintained in the Chief Clerk's office, and the stenographic room were open nearly all of the time, not only being unlocked, but the doors swinging open. I issued instructions that these doors be kept closed during office hours, except when the cabinets were in use.

In Room 317, a number of old directories were still on hand, although instructions had been previously issued for the disposition of these directories, running back several years.

The supply room was in good condition, except that there was a large wooden box, in which were a large number of items of personal property belonging to Special Agent Burruss. This property had previously been removed from the desks and cabinets wherein it had been contained when Mr. Burruss was Acting Special Agent in Charge, and was safely secured in the box, awaiting Agent Burruss' return to the office. He, however, has been back in the office for some time, and I understand Mr. Purvis had instructed him on several occasions to remove this property from the office. It had not been removed at the time of this inspection. It has, however, now been removed from the office.

#### PENDING WORK

The following is a summary of the pending investigative work in the office:

<u>AGENTS</u>	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>INACTIVE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>ESTIMATE OF WORK IN DAYS</u>
UNASSIGNED	79	27	106	66
E.P. Allen	8	0	8	3
Henry Boddie				
R.P. Burruss	7	0	7 plus 2	9
J.T. Flournoy	28	2	30	19
J.H. Hanson	13	0	13 " 2	13
A.W. Jacobsen	24	2	26	10
H.A. Joyce	4	0	4	0
Louis Loebel	2	0	2	0
McKee, S.K.	15	2	17	12
W.E. Miller	19	4	23	14

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July 28 - Aug. 5, 1931.

	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>INACTIVE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>ESTIMATE OF WORK IN DAYS</u>
R.E.Newby	15	0	15	7
B.E.Sackett	9	6	15	17
R.C.Suran	1	0	1	5
M.D.Fraub	36	6	42	22
<u>ACCOUNTANTS</u>				
E.J.Ambruster	0	1	1	?
C.B.Bolani	5	2	7	5
T.A.Donaldson	10	1	11	10
C.T.Malone				
H.C.Ovitt	1	0	1	30
L.R.Pennington	1	1	2	0
E.C.Sauer	2	2	4	10
H.J.Schneider	1	0	1	0
G.A.Stevens	1	0	1	
J.C.Sloane	2	2	4	10
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>341 plus 4</b>	<b>259 (approx.)</b>

There is a total of 66 days' unassigned work, and a total of 259 days' work, constituting both assigned and unassigned.

The unassigned work may be summarized as follows:

<u>NUMBER OF CASES</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION NO.</u>	<u>ESTIMATE OF WORK IN DAYS</u>
1	15	1
5	17	2
25	26	12
1	27	1
1	28	1
1	29	1
20	31	15
1	36	0
2	46	1
6	47	6
14	49	13
4	52	3
14	60	3
5	62	1

<u>NUMBER OF CASES</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION NO.</u>	<u>ESTIMATE OF WORK IN DAYS</u>
3	70	0
1	71	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	73	8
7	76	2

The road-work box was in good condition.

PERSONNEL

The following Agents are assigned to this office:

Special Agent in Charge M.H.Purvis,  
 Special Agent E.P.Allen  
 Special Agent R.P.Burruss  
 Special Agent E.J.Ambruster  
 Special Agent H. Boddie  
 Special Agent C.B.Boland  
 Special Agent T.A.Donaldson  
 Special Agent J.T.Flournoy  
 Special Agent J.H.Hanson  
 Special Agent A. W. Jacobson  
 Special Agent L. Leohl  
 Special Agent C. T. Malone  
 Special Agent S.K.McKee  
 Special Agent W. E. Miller  
 Special Agent H. C. Oritt  
 Special Agent B. E. Sackett  
 Special Agent E.C. Sauer  
 Special Agent H. J. Schneider  
 Special Agent J.C.Sloane  
 Special Agent R. C. Suran  
 Special Agent H. Coonan  
 Special Agent E. D. Traub  
 Special Agent Dwight Brantley  
 Special Agent R. E. Newby

As the Bureau knows, Special Agent R.P.Burruss has been on sick leave for some time, and has, therefore, contributed little to the performance of the Bureau's work in this district. Special Agent E.P.Allen is resigning, and will cease active duty at the close of business on August 7, 1931. Special Agent E.J.Ambruster is in Chicago on special assignment. Special Agent Boddie is on sick leave, and has been

for a couple of weeks. Special Agent Loobl is absent from the office on special assignment. Special Agent C.T. Malone is on special assignment at the Bureau. Special Agent McKee has been on a special assignment in Washington. Special Agent H. C. Ovitt is on special assignment at the Bureau. Special Agent B. E. Sackett is on special assignment in Chicago. Special Agent E. C. Sauer is on special work in the Bureau, as is Agent H. Coonan. That leaves fourteen agents to handle the work of the Washington Field office. Of these, four are agents who perform accounting investigations, and are, therefore, not available for general assignment. I believe, if it is possible, it would aid in the handling of the work in this district if two additional agents were available here for general assignment.

#### CLERICAL WORK

The stenographers in the office, together with an estimate of their work, are as follows:

Miss K.B.Pendleton	2 days
Miss Catharine Schlag	$\frac{1}{2}$ day
Miss Amelia Myers	3 days
Miss M.V.Reed	2 days
Mr. J.P.Alderton	$\frac{1}{2}$ day.

There are, however, two typists: Miss Theresa Flax, and Mrs. E.J.Monson, who, while not appointed as stenographers, nevertheless have some stenographic ability, and efforts are being made by the Special Agent in Charge to train them in this form of activity. I believe they may constitute some assistance to the office, and Mrs. Monson is now taking some dictation from Mr. Purvis.

The typists, and an estimate of their work, are as follows:

Mrs. L.W.Hay	3 days
Miss Theresa Flax	3 days
Mrs. E.J.Monson	1 day.

Clerk: Mr. S. E. Proctor.

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The stenographic work is somewhat behind, as appears from the above, and probably would be kept in better condition if more stenographic assistance were available in the office. Five stenographers would be a minimum required for the ordinary needs of the personnel attached to the office. In addition to this, however, there is considerable stenographic and clerical work required in the handling of applicants for clerical positions in the Bureau, and in handling the dictation of the inspection service of the Bureau. This added requirement of the Washington Field office makes it necessary that a maximum number of clerical employees be kept here. They are available, also, as a reserve force for the needs of the Bureau. I believe that every effort should be made to keep at least 7 qualified stenographers in the office.

The clerical work in the office constitutes about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  days' work. I have gone into the problem of Chief Clerk, and I believe that the ordinary requirements of the office calls for about 9 days' work a week on this particular desk. The work fluctuates, of course, and is heaviest on Mondays, and usually from Thursday to Saturday. I believe that one clerk is insufficient to properly keep the duties of this position in hand, and I think that half of the time of an additional employee would be required to continually keep it in condition. I recommend that an employee be assigned to the Washington Field office for this purpose. It has been necessary to use stenographic employees in helping on this desk. I believe that a person qualified as a typist, or a messenger of high type, could aid materially in the performance of this work. I am not quite convinced that a messenger is essential in this office, but I believe that a clerk qualified in typing, who could devote half the time to aiding the Chief Clerk, and the balance of the time to transcribing rough draft reports, would meet the above situation.

The stenographic grades made on the test are as follows:

Mr. J.P. Alderton	98%
Miss K.B. Pendleton	97%
Miss Amelia Myers	97%
Miss Catherine Schiag	93%
Miss M.V. Reed	91%

The following grades were made by the Agents on the tests on the Manuals:

<u>AGENT</u>	<u>RULES &amp; REGULATIONS</u>	<u>INSTRUCTIONS</u>
J.C.Sloane	95%	95%
J.T.Flournoy	90	90
E.P.Allen	100	97
J.H.Hanson	95	94
R.P.Burruss	90	70
A.W.Jacobson	95	96
T.A.Donaldson	95	95
R.E.Newby	100	100
S.K.McKee	93	98
W.E.Miller	98	95
M.D.Traub	100	95
R.C.Suran	100	96
H.C.Ovitt	95	90
C.T.Malone	85	80
C.B.Beland	95	90
E.C.Sauer	90	87
H.J.Schneider	100	100
M.H.Purvis	100	100

The following is a list of the per diem paid to agents of this office:

<u>AGENT</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>
Allen, E.P.	\$1.35	9.65	10.50	
Armbruster, E.J.	21.00			
Boddis, H.	6.75	30.00	34.15	
Burruss, R.P.			1.10	
Donaldson, T.A.	46.50	145.50	159.00	40.50
Flournoy, J.T.	64.50	72.00	150.00	
Geraghty, J.L.	46.05	19.65		
Hanson, J.H.	98.00	112.50		
Hickey, John L.	85.55			
Jacobson, A.W.		7.50		
Johnson, A.H.	5.90	16.35		
Joyce, M/A.		82.50		
Louis Loebel			12.00	69.00
McKee, S.K.	37.50		25.75	
Messner, E.J.	10.50			
Miller, W.E.	24.00	39.00		
Pennington, L.R.	147.00	49.50	39.00	

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	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>
Purvis, E.H.	1.90	1.50	16.50	
Sackett, E.E.	30.00	33.00	16.50	
Sauer, E.C.	84.25	61.50	42.00	
Schneider, H.J.	43.50	15.00		
Slocum, J.C.			115.40	
Stevens, G. A.			33.00	
Suran, R. C.			9.00.	

The daily register shows only one tardy arrival, which is as follows:

May 13, 1931      Pendleton      9:01 A.M.      Excused - Purvis.

The following agents were not interviewed nor examined, due to the reasons given following their names:

E.J. Ambruster - Absent, at Chicago on special assignment.  
R. Boddie - Absent, on sick leave.  
M.A. Joyce - resigned.  
Louis Loeb - absent, on special assignment, out of city.  
H. Coonan - special assignment in the Bureau.

Attached hereto are my comments on the personnel attached to the Washington Field office.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. COLLEN, Inspector.

TFC:KP

M.H. PURVIS - SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

Entered on duty - February 4, 1927.

Salary - \$5000

Age - 27 years; single.

Member of South Carolina Bar.

Office preference - Washington.

Tests: Manual of Rules and Regulations - 100%  
" of Instructions - 100%.

Purvis is possessed of good appearance, and good personality; is vigorous, energetic, and a careful supervisor of the work of the office. He is possessed of executive ability in a high degree; is extremely loyal to the Bureau, and, in my opinion, as an Agent in Charge he is entitled to a rating of good.

Status - good.

Inspection, Washington Field office,  
July 23 - August 5, 1931,  
Report of Inspector T. F. Cullen.

VWH:TAH

August 18, 1931

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

*Purvis*

Dear Sir:

Mr. Pierce Miller, representing the United Press, advises me that in the early part of May he called at your office to register a complaint with reference to a possible blackmailing scheme on the part of the publishers of the Encyclopedia Britannica, in connection with the purchase by Mr. Miller of some book from that concern. Mr. Miller recites that your attitude was brusque; that you were discourteous to him, and that you made the remark that if he paid his bills promptly he would not have any trouble. Such a remark, of course, if made, was most indiscreet. It is my desire that all Bureau employees be courteous at all times in dealing with representatives of the press.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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VW:EB

October 20, 1931.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

*Purvis*

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the following described errors noted in reports received from the Oklahoma City office during the past month.

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Both of these reports were approved by Agent in Charge Conroy.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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August 12, 1931.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I respectfully recommend that Special Agent L. C. Schilder be transferred from Division Six, and that Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis of the Washington Field office be transferred to Division Six in charge of said Division.

Respectfully,

J. S. Egan.

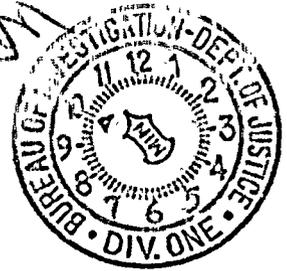
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Washington, D. C.

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August 15, 1931



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Pierce Miller of the United Press, called at this office on the 14th instant to register a complaint against the attitude of Special Agent in Charge Purvis, when Mr. Miller called upon him in May of this year to make a complaint of a possible blackmailing scheme on the part of the publishers of the Encyclopedia of Britannica, in connection with the purchase by Mr. Miller of some book from that concern.

Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Purvis received him very brusquely; that he at first did not appear to want to listen to the complaint at all, and when he did listen for a while, he made the remark that if Mr. Miller would pay his bills promptly he wouldn't have any trouble. Mr. Miller stated that he thought this remark was entirely uncalled for; that Purvis' attitude was one of boredom; that he was pompous, and while he was talking to Mr. Miller he apparently buzzed for another employee, who entered the office and on pretense of placing some papers on the desk, remained at the side of Mr. Miller, and in fact moved along with Mr. Miller when he got up to leave the office, and escorted him to the door.

Mr. Miller stated that he knew the Director quite well, and did not think the Director would countenance this sort of conduct or attitude on the part of any of his employees, and he was extremely incensed at the time and intended to immediately report it, but was called away and only had an opportunity to report it at this late date. I assured Mr. Miller that you did insist upon all employees being courteous to the public as well as to the press, and that I would call the matter to your attention promptly. Letters have been addressed to Mr. Miller and to Agent in Charge Purvis.

Respectfully,

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V. W. Hughes.

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Better speak to Purvis about this personally when he returns.  
8/18/31 J. G. H.

*Speke to Purvis about this*

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September 2, 1931

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. M. H. PURVIS

Please fill out the enclosed form in accordance with the instructions furnished therewith, insofar as the data requested are in your possession, and forward the same to Division Seven of the Bureau not later than September 10, 1931. The form should be filled out on the typewriter and signed by you.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #744165

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September 8, 1931.

MEMORANDUM FOR DIVISION SIX:

My attention was recently called to the abrogation of the rule forbidding smoking in any part of the 8th floor in the Southern Railway Building. I am amazed to learn of the fact that smoking has recently been permitted in your office. The promulgation of the original rule against smoking on the 8th floor of the building was given very serious consideration and was issued because of the imperative necessity to guard against any unnecessary fire hazards. It is manifestly unfair to forbid subordinate employees of this Bureau from smoking when the officials on the same floor indulge in smoking in another office.

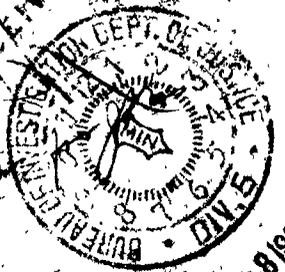
You will see immediately that there is no smoking permitted in any portion of the 8th floor of the building. This applies not only to Division Six but also to Division Ten, the Statistical Division, and in the future before amending any rule which has been promulgated by this office, you will please obtain specific approval from me for the same.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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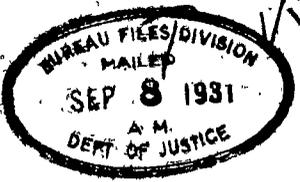
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September 9, 1931.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PURVIS <sup>0</sup>

Reference is made to the matter of granting annual leave to employees assigned to Division Six. The present delinquency in the Division would seem to indicate the lack of wisdom in approving annual leave for employees who have already been granted leave during the calendar year. Please be governed accordingly in the future.

Very truly yours,

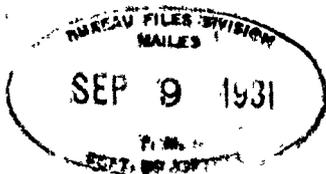
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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September 9, 1931.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Reference is made to your letter dated August 18th, 1931, concerning a statement made by Mr. Pierce Miller, representing the United Press, in which he states that my attitude was "brusk" and that I was discourteous to him during a call which he made at my office some-time during the early part of May.

I recall the visit of Mr. Miller, which was during the fore part of the day. He had several letters and other papers which he desired me to read in order to ascertain whether or not the letters which he had received from the Encyclopedia Britannica would constitute blackmail in the District of Columbia. My recollection is that one of the letters from the said Company advised Mr. Miller that unless he forwarded a delinquent payment on a set of books which had been purchased by him within a certain time, his employer would be communicated with in an effort to ascertain the reason for his failure to meet the said payment. My recollection is that he stated he was several payments behind.

With regard to the statement which he states was made by me to the effect that if he paid his bills promptly he would not have any trouble, I desire to advise you that this is incorrect. The statement I made was to the effect that I knew it to be a general policy of business concerns to write such letters on occasions when purchasers became delinquent in their payments.

After advising Mr. Miller that no investigation would be made of this matter by my office, he became somewhat incensed and stated he was tired of being "shunted" around, as he had been referred from the Post Office Department to the Bureau of Investigation. He was informed that he was not being "shunted" around, but that the case did not merit an investigation and that none would be made. My attitude was at no time "brusk" and I was very courteous to him.

Respectfully,

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M. H. Purvis

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September 10, 1931.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PURVIS

I am informed that you have not given appropriate attention to the matter of supplies and equipment in Division Six, but that you have left the handling of such matters to subordinate employees in the Division. I wish that you would immediately acquaint yourself with the details of the various matters under your supervision in Division Six in order to avoid confusion in the future in the handling of administrative work in the Division.

With respect to the keys for the storeroom on the eighth floor of the Old Southern Railway Building, it is desired that one key to this room be kept in your possession, and that the other be issued to L. H. Ferguson, who handles supplies. You should not permit any one except those employees especially designated by you in Division Six to handle supplies, and the employees of Division Seven, to obtain possession of these keys.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. O. Box 1555  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
October 6, 1931

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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that my present address  
is Hotel Huckins, telephone number 3-4341.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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September 23, 1931.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Re:- Miss Doris C. Vorkooper,  
Typist.

Reference is made to your memorandum dated September 18th, 1931, requesting a report on the above employee.

I have conferred with Miss White and she has advised me that between the dates of September 1st to 17th inclusive, this employee answered 584 prints, of which 297 were idents and 287 non-idents, doing an average of more than 52 prints per day. She made 15 errors and has had one day's annual and one day's sick leave. Miss White states her attitude toward her work is good.

It is believed that her work should be observed for the next thirty days and an additional report made.

With reference to that part of your memorandum which requested advice as to why a report was not made on September 1st, 1931, please be advised that a copy of the letter addressed to Miss Vorkooper from the Bureau dated August 1, 1931 was marked file by Mr. Brantley's initials and was not used as a tickler.

Efforts will be made to follow these matters up promptly in the future.

Respectfully,

M. H. Curvis.

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September 18, 1931

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PURVIS. X

It is noted that under date of August 1, 1931 a letter was addressed to Miss Doris C. Vorkooper, Caf-2 Typist in Division Six with respect to the fact that her work had not been up to the standard of other employees in the Typing Section. A copy of this letter was sent to the Chief of Division Six and instructions were contained therein to the effect that at the conclusion of a period of thirty days a further report should be submitted concerning Miss Vorkooper's efficiency and attitude.

It does not appear that this report has been submitted. Please forward a detailed report concerning the services of this employee at this time and also advise why the matter did not receive attention in Division Six.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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September 17, 1931.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Reference is made to your memorandum dated September 14th, 1931, to me and to the Bureau letter of August 1, 1931, addressed to Miss E. G. Marceron.

During the period from September 1st to the 15th, inclusive, she answered 550 prints, of which 281 were idents and 270 non-idents showing an average of 42 per day. She made 7 errors and took no sick leave. I am advised by Miss White, in charge of the Typing Section, that this employee arrives early and often works late and that her attitude toward her work is good.

It is my belief that I should observe this employee's work for the next thirty days, at which time a final report will be made and unless otherwise instructed I will do so.

With regard to the last paragraph of the above referred to memorandum, I am informed that the Bureau's letter of August 1st was not used as a tickler in this matter. The letter bears Mr. Schilder's initials under the written word "file". Efforts will be made to avoid a recurrence of a similar error in the future.

Respectfully,

M. H. Purvis. ~~XEROX~~ JAN 23 1934

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September 17, 1931

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PURVIS. X

I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter addressed to the Bureau under date of September 14, 1931, by Mr. Loukout, an employee of the technical Section of Division Six.

It is my desire that each and every recommendation contained in this communication receive your immediate and careful consideration and that you submit a memorandum to me not later than the close of business on Wednesday, September 23, 1931, furnishing in detail your views concerning the suggestions together with such recommendation in connection therewith as may appear to you to be appropriate. You should confer with Mr. Andersen in Division Six in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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September 14, 1931.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PURVIS.

It is noted that Miss Ethel G. Marceron, Caf 2 Typist in the Typing Section of Division Six, received a grade of only 75% in the recent typing test. She received a grade of only 69% in the test given in May of this year. Miss Marceron's personnel file shows that under date of August 1, 1931, a memorandum was addressed to Miss Marceron concerning a report made by Mr. Schilder to the effect that the quantity of work performed by her was not up to the standard of other employees in the Typing Section. A carbon copy of this letter was forwarded to Division Six and in the letter the Chief of Division Six was instructed to submit a further report concerning Miss Marceron's services at the conclusion of a period of thirty days. It does not appear that this report has been submitted.

The Bureau desires that you forward a communication at this time giving detailed information concerning the efficiency and output of work of Miss Marceron.

It is further desired that the Bureau be informed why the instructions contained in the letter of August 1, 1931, for a further report at the conclusion of thirty days were not complied with.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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October 20, 1931.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the following described errors noted in reports received from the Oklahoma City office during the past month.

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Both of these reports were approved by Agent in Charge Conroy.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. O. Box 1536  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
October 20, 1931

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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

My present address is Apartment 10, 1210 North  
Dale Street, the King Apartments.

The telephone number is 7-7498.

Very truly yours,

<sup>o</sup>  
M. H. Purvis,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1536  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
October 24, 1931

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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter, dated October 20, 1931, wherein certain excesses were called to the attention of this office.

The report of Special Agent W. W. Eden, dated September 15, 1931, entitled Ross White, will be called to his attention in order that the proper reference to himself as a special agent of the Bureau may be made in statements in the future.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. Purvis,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Carson  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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*Purvis*

Dear Sir:

The following described errors have been noted in reports originating in your office during the past month. Steps should be taken immediately to bring about a correction in the conditions described.

In the report of Special Agent D. O. Smith, dated October 22, entitled RUSSELL GIBSON, Fugitive, et al, your file #26-2022, the fingerprint classification of subject Russell Gibson is listed as 11 V OO 15, while the report of Special Agent S. H. Noonan, 3 - OI 15 dated September 7, 1929, indicates that the fingerprint classification of this individual is 11 V OO 15.  
3 OI 14

The synopsis of the report of Special Agent R. T. Amis, dated October 27, entitled HERMAN LEWIS, et al, your file #26-3070, states: "Subjects indicted at Little Rock, Arkansas, October 2, 1931 on pleas of guilty". The details of this report indicate that subjects were indicted October 2 and were sentenced on October 14 on pleas of guilty to serve sentences of two years each in the Federal Penitentiary, at Atlanta, Georgia.

The source of the criminal record of JAMES BREWER is not indicated in the parole report submitted in this case by Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, dated October 27, your file #26-3077.

The report of Special Agent L. N. Probst, dated October 23, entitled RALPH E. MITCHELL, et al, your file #26-3080, fails to list Orville Drake and Harold Drake as subjects in the title of this report.

The disposition sheet submitted by your office dated October 23, 1931, in the case entitled DALLAS SMITH, your file #26-2974, does not indicate that Smith was indicted and convicted, on two indictments, and was sentenced to serve four months on each indictment,

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said sentences to run concurrently.

The report of Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, dated October 19, entitled OWEN EDWARDS HARTER, et al, your file #26-3206, contains signed statements given by subjects Harter and Swinney, which are witnessed by Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, although he fails to designate his official title when affixing his signature as a witness.

The disposition sheet submitted by your office dated October 20 in the case entitled LEE MANNEY, your file #26-3111, fails to indicate the date and place of imposition of sentence.

The report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, dated October 12, entitled JOE F. TRUMAN, fails to indicate that a disposition sheet was being forwarded to the Bureau.

The report of Special Agent D. O. Smith, dated October 9, entitled A. C. WEST, your file #26-3164, fails to list the name of A. C. Deswell as an alias of subject in the title of the report, although same is mentioned on Page 4 of the details.

The report of Special Agent L. M. Chipman, dated October 9, entitled GEORGE A. RAILLEY, your file #26-3124, fails to indicate the source of the criminal record relative to subject Haggard, concerning his conviction at Phoenix, Arizona, for violation of the Postal Laws, and his incarceration at McNeil Island.

The report of Special Agent F. S. Smith, dated October 6, entitled KATHERINE WALDROPE, et al, your file #26-3177, does not contain a reference, although this report is predicated upon a telegram received from the San Antonio Office, dated October 2, 1931.

The report of Special Agent D. O. Smith, dated October 1, entitled GEORGE McCOWAN alias GEORGE HALL, et al, your file #24-63, fails to list the names of Robert Hall and "Tiger" Payne as aliases of subject McCowan in the title of the report.

Very truly yours,

Director.

RGR:JJ

November 11, 1931.

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SORNBORGER, APPOINTMENT CLERK.

It is requested that letters be prepared transferrring the following employees of the Bureau of Investigation, as indicated, payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes", FIELD, effective November 18, 1931:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Mr. M.T. Little,	Special Agent, Caf 9, \$3200 per annum	Special Agent, Caf 10, \$3500 per annum. An additional position.
Mr. C. G. Schenken,	Special Agent, Caf 10, \$3800 per annum	Special Agent, Caf 11, \$5800 per annum. Vice J.J. Waters - transferred.
Mr. J.O. Hiebow,	Special Agent, Caf 8, \$3000, per annum	Special Agent, Caf 9, \$3800 per annum. Vice O.C. Hall - transferred.
Mr. J.F. O'Connell,	Special Agent, Caf 8, \$2900 per annum	Special Agent, Caf 9, \$3200 per annum. Vice D.M. Ladd - transferred.
Mr. M.J. Sherry,	Special Agent, Caf 8, \$3100 per annum	Special Agent, Caf 9, \$3800 per annum. Vice D.W. Magee - transferred.
Mr. F.F. Yearsley,	Special Agent, Caf 8, \$3000 per annum	Special Agent, Caf 9, \$3200 per annum. Vice D.O. Smith - transferred.
Mr. William Larson,	Special Agent, Caf 12, \$5000 per annum	Special Agent, Caf 12, \$5200 per annum
Mr. M. H. Purvis,	Special Agent, Caf 12, \$5000 per annum	Special Agent, Caf 12, \$5200 per annum.
Mr. T. D. Quinn,	Special Agent, Caf 12, \$4600 per annum	Special Agent, Caf 12, \$5000 per annum.

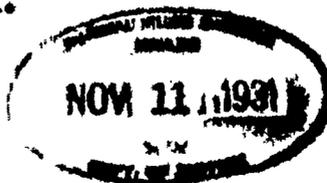
Very truly yours,

Approved:

Assistant Attorney General.

CC: Mr. Sornborger  
Mr. Allison

Director.



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P. O. Box 1585  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
November 16, 1931

MHP.VEP

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 11, 1931 wherein various errors on the part of this office during the past month are noted. These errors are being called to the attention of the employees responsible for same. Please be advised that every effort will be made to avoid a recurrence of like errors in the future.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 19, 1931.

Mr. M. H. Parvis,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Parvis:

It is with pleasure that I am enclosing herewith the letter of the Assistant Attorney General advising you of your promotion from \$5,000 per annum, in grade CAF 12, to \$5,200 per annum, in grade CAF 12, effective November 16, 1931.

Very truly yours,

Encl. 753916 Director.

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Nov. 14, 1931.

To

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice.

You are hereby transferred from one position to another in the Bureau of Investigation as indicated below:

<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>	
Division No.		Division No.	
Position	Special Agent	Position	Special Agent
Grade	Caf-12	Grade	Caf-12
Salary	\$5000	Salary	\$5300
Appropriation	Detection and Prosecution of Crimes*, FIELD.	Appropriation	Detection and Prosecution of Crimes*, FIELD. Effective Nov. 16, 1931.

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old position to be held as vacancy.

You should execute the required oath of office.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

(Signed) Charles P. Sisson

Assistant Attorney General.

Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 1535  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
November 23, 1931

MHP.VEP

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from Mr. Charles P. Sisson, Assistant Attorney General, dated November 14, 1931, advising of my transfer from Grade CAF 12, \$5000.00 per annum, to Grade CAF 12, \$5200.00 per annum. There are attached hereto duplicate copies of the oath of office.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. Purvis,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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I, M. H. Purvis do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice

on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

(Sign here) M. H. Purvis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ) Where born (State only) South Carolina  
23rd day ) Date of birth October 24, 1903  
of November A. D. 1931 ) Whence appointed:

State S. C. County Florence  
Congressional District Sixth

Uelma E. Pulley  
Notary Public

My commission expires Feb. 7, 1935.

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Date of entry upon duty Nov 16, 1931  
~~February 4, 1932~~

Residence Timmonsville, South Carolina

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Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 1535  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
November 23, 1931

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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Personal

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I appreciate very much your letter of November 19, 1931, advising me of my promotion from \$5000.00 per annum to \$5200.00 per annum. Please be assured that I am grateful for this and accept my sincere thanks.

Sincerely,

*Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.*

Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

December 1, 1931

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I desire to thank you for your letter dated November 20, 1931, requesting that possible suggestions be afforded the Bureau. In reply the following are submitted.

I believe this has been suggested before by someone. However, if it is submitted in the event it has not. It is believed that manila envelopes, our file size, should be furnished the field offices for use in filing exhibits. The type desirable would be those that open at the bottom of the file. These could be placed at the beginning of each file when exhibits are received and would be far better than those now in use and the files would be less clumsy. It is not my belief that it would be necessary to place one of these in every file. They could be placed before serial one in the file as exhibits or notes are received.

It is further suggested that the information contained in the pamphlet "The Work of the Bureau of Investigation", should be more widely distributed. It is my belief that the smaller towns' officials should receive this information in order that they might be informed of the assistance to be obtained from the Bureau in various cases which might come to their attention. In fact, I believe this would help as much if not more than the distribution as it is now being made although the present plan is doing a great deal of good. RECORDED

The above suggestions are respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Purvis

Dear Sir:

The following described errors have been noted in reports originating in your office during the past month. Please take the necessary steps to cause a correction of the conditions described.

The report of Special Agent F. S. Smith submitted November 18, 1931, entitled CLAUDE UMBINHOWER, with aliases, et al, your file #26-3233, failed to indicate the value of the recovered car in this case.

The report of Special Agent R. T. Amis dated October 28, 1931, entitled ROY ROACH, your file #73-114, fails to classify subject as a fugitive in the title of the report.

The report of Special Agent R. T. Amis dated November 5, 1931, entitled HUBERT L. COKES, your file #26-2836, fails to classify Cokes as a fugitive in the title of the report.

The report of Special Agent W. W. Eden dated November 10, 1931, entitled JOHN RATKOWIZ, et al, your file #26-2941, erroneously classifies subject Nichols as a fugitive in the title of the report.

The report of Special Agent D. O. Smith dated November 6, 1931, entitled FRED BLACKSTOCK, Fugitive, your file #31-1, fails to indicate the period for which made.

The report of Special Agent F. S. Smith dated November 5, 1931, entitled MCKINLEY HUDSON, PARDON MATTER, your file #73-115, contains a statement in the synopsis that subject admitted being convicted by the Government at

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Cleveland, Ohio, in June, 1929. The date 1929 is apparently incorrect, and should be 1927, as reflected in the details of the report.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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December 8, 1931.

Mr. Melvin H. Purvis, Jr.,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

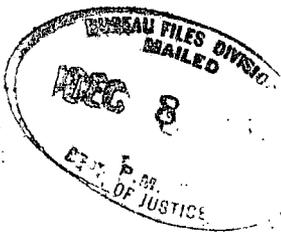
Dear Mr. Purvis:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your communication of December 1, 1931 containing suggestions which you submit for consideration with a view to possible changes in Bureau rules and policies.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for the courtesy and interest displayed by you in the matter and to state that your suggestions will receive careful study.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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December 18, 1931.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 1538,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

The records of the Bureau do not indicate that you have submitted the form setting forth your qualifications as to languages, vocations, avocations, and miscellaneous special qualifications.

A form is inclosed for your use in submitting this information. Please return this form properly filled out by return mail.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. #721386.

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Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 1535  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
December 21, 1931



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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 18, 1931, requesting that a form showing my qualifications as to languages, vocations, avocations, and miscellaneous special qualifications be furnished. The form has been filled out and is attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. Purvis,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Div. Seven  
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Place Oklahoma City, Okla.

Date December 21, 1931

Name M. H. Purvis

Title Special Agent in Charge.

Languages:

No speaking knowledge of foreign languages.

Vocations:

Attorney at law.  
Have previously been employed as insurance  
adjustor.

Avocations:

Have fair knowledge of horses and fencing.

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Miscellaneous special qualifications:

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*M. H. Purvis*  
Special Agent in Charge.

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WIC:AM

January 13, 1932.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

*Gen. Purvis*

Dear Sir:

The following described ~~errors~~ have been noted in reports and correspondence emanating from your office.

You are instructed to take the necessary precaution in order to avoid a similar repetition of these errors in the future.

The report of Special Agent D. O. Smith dated November 27, 1931 entitled JOHN RAYKOWIZ ET AL, your file #26-2941, improperly lists Elton G. Nichols as a fugitive in the title of the report.

In the report of Special Agent J. L. Fallon dated November 28, 1931 entitled HENRY MUSTACK ET AL, your file #26-3255, the height of subject Nolan is listed as being 25. Apparently this is a typographical error and the number 25 is meant for the age of Nolan. Your attention is also invited to the fact that the race and nationality of Nolan and Mustack are not indicated in the descriptions.

The status is not indicated at the conclusion of the report of Special Agent R. T. Amis dated January 4, 1932 entitled WILLEY W. MILLER ET AL, your file #49-202.

The following described reports indicate an unwarranted delay in the typing thereof:

The report of Special Agent J. L. Fallon dated December 28, 1931 entitled L. E. WATSON ET AL, your file #49-207 - 17 days' delay.

The report of Special Agent G. S. Patten dated December 31, 1931 entitled RAYMOND PROVINCE with aliases, your file #26-2386, 17 days' delay.

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January 13, 1932.

The report of Special Agent W. W. Eden dated November 27, 1931, entitled VIRGIL C. BRIDWELL with aliases, ET AL, your file #70-115 - 16 days' delay.

Very truly yours,

Director.

P. O. Box 1538  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
January 20, 1932

MR. VEP

Director,  
U.S. Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter, dated January 13, 1932, concerning errors made in reports and correspondence emanating from this office. The matters have been noted and called to the attention of the employees making same and effort will be made to avoid a recurrence of such matters.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 4, 1932.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,<sup>0</sup>  
Bureau of Investigation,  
P. O. Box 1405,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

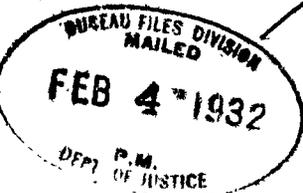
It is with pleasure that I  
am enclosing herewith the letter of  
the Assistant Attorney General advising  
you of your promotion from \$5,200 per  
annum, in grade CAF 12, to \$5,400 per  
annum, in grade CAF 12, effective  
February 1, 1932.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

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January 30, 1932.

To Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice.

Sir:

You are hereby transferred from one position to another in the  
Bureau of Investigation as indicated below:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Division No.	Division No.
Position Special Agent	Position Special Agent
Grade Caf-12	Grade Caf-12
Salary \$5,200	Salary \$5,400
Appropriation "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes," FIELD.	Appropriation "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes," FIELD. Effective February 1, 1932.
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~~You should execute the required oath of office,~~

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

(Signed) Charles P. Sisson

Assistant Attorney General.

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January 26, 1932.

Memorandum for Mr. Sornborger, Appointment Clerk.

It is requested that letters be prepared transferring the following employees of the Bureau of Investigation, as indicated, payable from the Appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes", FIELD, effective February 1, 1932:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Mr. D. M. Ladd	Special Agent, Caf 10, \$3500 per annum	Special Agent, Caf 11, \$3800 per annum, vice an additional position.
Mr. W. L. Buchanan	Special Agent, Caf 10, \$3600 per annum	Special Agent, Caf 11, \$3800 per annum, vice an additional position
Mr. Wm. Larson	Special Agent, Caf 12, \$5200 per annum	Special Agent, Caf 12, \$5400 per annum.
Mr. M. H. Purvis ✓	Special Agent, Caf 12, \$5200 per annum	Special Agent, Caf 12, \$5400 per annum

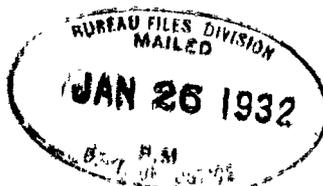
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Very truly yours,

Approved:

Director.

Assistant Attorney General.  
CC: Mr. Sornborger  
Mr. Allison  
Miss Waddle.



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Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 1405,  
Chicago, Ill.

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February 10, 1932.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 4, 1932, with which was enclosed a letter from the Assistant Attorney General advising me of my promotion from CAF 12, \$5200, to CAF 12, \$5400.

I note that the letter from the Assistant Attorney General does not request an oath of office, and although I believe it not necessary, I am forwarding it herewith in duplicate, in order that it may be in your possession if it is needed.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. Purvis, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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I, M. H. Purvis do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

Special Agent in Charge,

United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice

on which I am about to enter: So help me God!

(Sign here) M. H. Purvis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ) Where born (State only) South Carolina

10th day ) Date of birth October 24, 1903

of February A.D. 193<sup>2</sup> ) Whence appointed:

State South Carolina County Florence

Congressional District Sixth

Helen Dunkel  
Notary Public



Date of entry upon duty Feb. 1, 1932

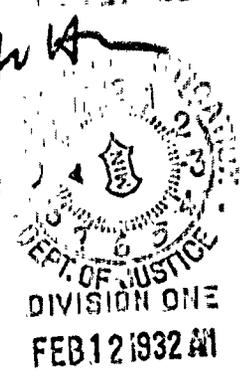
Residence Timminsville, South Carolina

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P. O. Box 1405,  
Chicago, Ill.



*M - Mrs. H. W.*  
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February 10, 1932.

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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am indeed grateful to you for your letter of February 4, 1932, advising me of my promotion from \$5200 per annum to \$5400 per annum.

I want you to accept assurances of my very sincere appreciation.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. Purvis, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 27, 1932.

Mr. M. H. Furvis,  
P. O. Box 1405,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Melvin:

I was somewhat concerned when I learned of your illness and I wanted to write and urge that you by all means exercise due precaution during the period of your recovery. The flu is a most uncomfortable ailment but the after effects are somewhat more disagreeable and more serious if proper precaution is not taken. Consequently, I do not want you to remain at the office if you feel in any way uncomfortable. It would be far better for you to put in only a few hours a day until you have fully recovered from the effects of the flu.

With expressions of my best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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March 7, 1932.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 1405,  
Chicago, Illinois.

*Purvis*

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has several times written and telegraphed to your office requesting that the final report of Special Agent L. P. Oliver on his investigation of the Bishop James Cannon, Jr. case be submitted.

Under date of February 15th Special Agent Oliver telegraphed the Bureau that he had been at Springfield, Illinois, under subpoena until February 13th and, therefore, had been unable to complete the Cannon report, but that the same would be mailed on February 16th. Prior to that time you had telegraphed the Bureau on February 10th, stating that the Cannon report would be mailed to reach the Bureau not later than Saturday morning following.

The Bureau has not yet received the report in question, and it is imperative that said report be mailed immediately. The Bureau is at a loss to understand the many delays in the submission of this report and particularly the silence of the Chicago office and of Special Agent Oliver since February 16th, when the report was promised.

Please advise me immediately with reference to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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P. O. Box 1405,  
Chicago, Ill.

March 9, 1932.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 7, 1932, concerning the final report which was to be made by Special Agent L. P. Oliver concerning the Bishop Cannon Jr. case.

Immediately upon receipt of your telegram of February 10, 1932, I called Agent Oliver by long distance at Springfield, Illinois, where he was under subpoena, and instructed him to advise you by wire immediately as to when the report would be forwarded. Then, upon receipt of your letter dated February 16, 1932, he was advised of the contents, and instructed to finish this report immediately, and in view of the fact that he was typing it himself at home, I was under the impression that he had forwarded it. However, upon receipt of your letter today, I have been informed by him that he has still several pages more to be typed before it can be forwarded. I informed him to complete the report and forward it to the Bureau, giving this matter priority over his other work.

In view of the fact that the report is being typed by the Agent personally, I was under the impression that he had received specific instructions from the Bureau, and consequently did not follow the matter up as I should have done. I regret the delay, and have taken steps to have the matter expedited.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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311 Hurley-Wright Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

March 15, 1932

Director,  
U. S. Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: INSPECTION - CHICAGO OFFICE  
February 27 - March 11, 1932

PHYSICAL CONDITION

Arrangement

The Chicago office of this Bureau is located on the nineteenth floor of the Bankers' Building, 105 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois. This building is located directly across the street from the Federal Building, where the United States Attorney, United States Marshal, and a number of other Federal activities are stationed. The office is splendidly equipped and well-appointed. It is satisfactory to answer the needs of this Bureau, and from my observation of the well appointed space, it appears that the Bureau has obtained a bargain as far as price is concerned in the location and arrangement of these offices. My only suggestion for improvement of the arrangement is based on the fact that as the Agent in Charge keeps his outer office door open except when engaged in very confidential dictation and conferences, visitors waiting in the reception hall while the door is open can look directly into the office of the Special Agent in Charge, and for the Agent in Charge to gain a view of all the agents working in the office it is necessary that he leave his office for this purpose; however, this offers no immediate serious handicap to the operation of the office.

The rest rooms for men and women in this building are all located on the twelfth floor. There were two wash basins neatly concealed inside mahogany cabinets in the offices; however, it is necessary for the young lady stenographers in the office, whenever they desire to use the wash basin or mirror, to do so in plain view of all the agents in the office, as well as any visitors who might have occasion to be conferring with agents at the time. It was suggested to Mr. Purvis, the Acting Special Agent in Charge at Chicago, that inquiry be made with reference to placing a lavatory with

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mirror in a more private place inside the office and nearer to the stenographic room. During the course of the inspection a new laboratory in a small vault was established just outside the office occupied by the stenographers.

The attic of the Government-rented warehouse at 158 West Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois, contains 163 transfer cases and forty four-drawer file cabinets, in which are stored old files which were created at the Chicago office. A personal inspection was made of this property with Mr. Purvis, and it was agreed that some of these cabinets should be conveniently labeled to show contents, as the labels apparently had fallen off. It is also impossible to lock some of them, due to the worn condition of the cabinets; however, it is not believed that any expenditure should be made with reference to the maintenance of these old files. The messenger at the Chicago Office will at an early date label the few cabinets which are in need of this attention.

#### Surplus property

There are eleven typewriters in the Chicago office not being used at present. It is believed that at least seven of these typewriters may be considered as surplus. There are also two unserviceable Line-a-Time machines and a dictograph system complete with cables with two master and five substations which is not at present being used, but upon again moving into a Federal building this property will no doubt be serviceable at Chicago.

#### Maintenance

In a conference room in the Chicago Office was found an envelope on which appeared certain figures and data which at first was unidentified, but which was later found to have been placed there by Special Agent O. C. Dewey. Three old city directories were being maintained in the office and two of them were disposed of during the inspection. Several of the desks were dusty and needed to be cleaned out with dust rags. Some of the stenographers had stenographic notebooks in their desks in which dictation was recorded more than thirty days previously. In the supply room some new furniture and a large quantity of new supplies were stored and were unopened, as they were received during the course of the inspection. All of the furniture and a large part of the supplies were opened and neatly stored in the supply room during the course of the inspection. Five packages of exhibits neatly wrapped were found in the supply room, and it was possible in each instance to identify the case to which they belonged; yet, they had not been properly handled according to the Bureau's regulations for listing the contents on these packages. All of these matters were cleared up during the inspection.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

Before beginning a discussion of the administrative operations of the Chicago Office, it is believed proper to mention the fact that for more than the past six weeks practically all of the agents in the Chicago office have worked for a good portion of their time on the Kenting-Holden Fugitive Cases. The daily register shows that during the month of February on frequent intervals agents would report for duty considerably after nine o'clock A. M., and the notation was recorded that their tardy arrivals were occasioned by the fact that they had worked all night the previous night doing shadow and observation work on these fugitive cases, as a result of which there has been no small degree of disruption to the regular routine of the office. The Acting Special Agent in Charge had given quite a bit of his personal attention to the handling of this case, both day and night. This situation has resulted in the delinquency in a number of the pending cases in the Chicago office and also to the inability on the part of Mr. Purvis to give close personal supervision to quite a bit of the detailed work of the office. This situation, coupled with the fact that it was no doubt generally believed that Mr. Purvis was acting in charge of the office for only a brief period, did leave a feeling that there was perhaps not the stability within the office that would have prevailed in the absence of these unusual conditions. It is noted that Special Agent in Charge W. A. McGwain is absent on official business, and that Acting Special Agent in Charge Purvis has been in charge of the administration of the Chicago office only since January 22, 1932; also that Special Agent E. P. Quinnane for the period December 21, 1931 to January 8, 1932, had been in charge of the administration of the office in the absence of Special Agent in Charge McGwain.

There apparently was a great deal of laxity in the handling of the tickler system. Special Agent Warnes, who was part time Supervisor of the bankruptcy cases, examines the files in accordance with the operation of the tickler system and places a slip of paper on the file calling attention to the agent to whom the case is assigned that a report is due. Agent Warnes advised that in some instances he called the attention of the Agent in Charge to serious delinquencies; yet, the operation of this system in this manner has not proven satisfactory. This situation was called to the attention of Mr. Purvis, who issued instructions so that hereafter he would personally handle the tickler system and not delegate such duties to any other agent. Consistent with Bureau instructions received during the inspection, he will withdraw those ticklers

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relating to cases which he desires to examine and have the Chief Clerk obtain for him only those files which are necessary.

The investigative files on all the stenographic and clerical personnel in the Chicago office except for two of the clerical employees were being maintained among the regular closed files of the office. Prior to this inspection whenever stenographers needed a closed file they would go to the supply room where they are stored and obtain the closed files on which they had current dictation; thus, the investigative personnel files might have been available to the stenographers had they located them. Instructions were issued and complied with that these investigative files on personnel attached to the office should be maintained in a manner similar to that of the regular personnel files of the employees.

#### Contacts

As to the maintenance of contacts in the Chicago Office district, it was observed that Mr. Purvis has been in charge of the office for a comparatively short length of time; however, he has attended two or three functions where peace officers were assembled, is well known to the United States Attorney in Chicago, as well as to his assistants, and has a close friendly relationship with the custodian of the building, such that it was possible for him to have an expensive laboratory installed without any cost to the Bureau.

Special Agent in Charge McSwain, according to the files, had written to all the important peace officials with whom he most frequently came in contact in the Chicago district, shortly before the Christmas holidays, in which he expressed appreciation for cooperation and offered the service of the Bureau in matters within its jurisdiction, and in practically all instances very appreciative and commendable letters were received in reply, which commended the service of the Chicago office of the Bureau. Acting Special Agent in Charge Purvis, consistent with Bureau instructions, has recently addressed communications to state prosecutors and judges in reference to the Identification Division of the Bureau, and has already received a large number of replies of a general commendatory nature. He informs me that he expects at some later date to transmit to the Bureau copies of those letters, in which the Bureau might find unusual interest.

At the Police Station in Chicago I conferred with the Chief of Detectives, the Chief of the Automobile Squad, and the Secretary to the Chief of the Identification Division, all of whom were well-acquainted with Mrl McSwain and spoke in a highly commendatory manner with regard to the Bureau's service.

During the inspection Mr. Purvis on at least three occasions was telephoned by an Assistant United States Attorney at Chicago and was requested to have luncheon with the Assistant, which he did. The usual and regular official contacts at Chicago appear to be on a very friendly basis. Visits were made to the office during the inspection by representatives of the Chicago Exposition Committee, by the Chief Special Agent of the Pullman Company, and by a representative of the Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory of the Northwestern University.

An examination of the confidential informant lists, however, discloses only twenty-three names of confidential informants in that territory. Noticeably missing from this list were the names of [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] In each instance, however, save two, a description of the identity of the individual and the type of help he was able to offer was recorded. In order to increase the number of informants on this list instructions were issued for the Special Agent in Charge to prepare a memorandum to attach to the daily register sheet once each thirty days so that any names which should be added to this list might be obtained. It was suggested, however, that care be exercised not to endeavor to build up a large list of names of confidential informants without knowledge that these informants were reliable and of value to the office.

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Due in part to the large amount of attention given to the fugitive cases above named, the number of pending cases in the Chicago Office has increased since June, 1931 from 409 to 511, although the number of cases received in June, 1931, was 220, and in February, 1929, 166 were received. Recent assignments of agents who have arrived at Chicago should enable the Chicago office at an early date to again reduce the number of pending cases in that district.

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The list of peace officers maintained at Chicago did not contain the names of County Prosecuting Officers. Instructions were issued for these names to be added, and steps were initiated for that purpose.

In serializing the files at the Chicago Office, whenever an envelope was placed in the file it was given a number and a letter, as 1-A, 2-A. This practice was discontinued, and instructions issued to use the regular numerical system of serializing reports.

In the administrative files fourteen serials were found which were improperly handled, either from a purely clerical standpoint or due to the fact that they might more properly have been filed in another administrative file for further study and observation. In the personnel files seven serials were found which were not handled properly from a clerical standpoint; also, the office personnel file bore classification number 66 - Administrative Matter - instead of 67, which would have been proper. Instructions were issued for the correction of all of the above matters, which were corrected during the course of the inspection.

As to Identification Order #1187, seven aliases were not properly indexed, and as to Identification Order #1161, three index cards on aliases of the subject of this Identification Order were misfiled. Each of these matters was corrected immediately.

The roadwork box contained one card which was not represented by an unassigned case, and one of the unassigned cases was not properly represented in the roadwork box by a duplicate assignment card.

On the day the inspection began 503 cases were pending in the office, and these cases were represented by only 495 ticklers. Instructions were issued for a detailed check of the tickler box to be made, in order that each pending case might be represented by a tickler. It was found that Special Agent Barnes, who had been ill for two days, had approximately sixty tickler cards on his desk for review.

On the daily register sheet three instances were found where an irregularity in arrival or departure was observed by the Agent in Charge and marked "Excused" or "O. K." followed by the initials of the Agent in Charge. A brief statement of the reason for the tardiness was omitted. Instructions were issued for this information to be included hereafter, and instructions were also issued for the correct entry of the time of registration in the event of tardy registrations, as there apparently has been some

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misunderstanding about this procedure.

In the investigative case files clerical errors were observed as follows:

6 unnecessary reports submitted  
 2 cases wherein failure to mark them as inactive  
 1 serial not initialed  
 2 serials improperly filed and status following  
 the synopsis inconsistent with the status at  
 conclusion of the report

Forty cases were found wherein substantive delinquencies of an administrative nature were observed. An analysis of these delinquencies is noted as follows:

No recent reports submitted - - - - -	23
Lack of thoroughness in investigations - - -	4
Failure to acknowledge incoming communi- cations - - - - -	1
Failure to present case to U. S. Attorney with sufficient promptness - - - - -	1
Failure to follow up case with sufficient promptness - - - - -	2
Failure to file wanted notices with Bureau	2
Failure to submit summary report - - - - -	1
Failure to reply promptly to Bureau letter-	1

#### Stenographic Situation

Quite a number of delinquent reports were reported by the stenographers in the Chicago office, which is attributable to some extent to the fact that there had been a vacancy in the stenographic pool for a considerable length of time. Assistant Special Agent in Charge Guinan had been instructed to endeavor to locate a competent stenographer to fill this vacancy. He had given many tests, but had been unable to find a suitable employee. Accompanied by Acting Special Agent in Charge Barvis, I called at the Public Stenographic Bureau located in the Bankers' Building, and they agreed to get in touch with a stenographer whom they believed to be competent. On that same day this stenographer reported to the office, passed the stenographic test, and an investigation was immediately begun. During the course of the inspection she was given a temporary appoint-

ment. Other reasons which may be assigned for some of the delinquency on the part of the stenographic section are as follows:

Whenever a stenographer was in need of a file on which she had dictation, or after a report was typed in order to attach the report to the file for transmission to the supervising official, the stenographer would obtain the file from either the closed or pending file case. This practice was discontinued and arrangements made for the clerical employees regularly assigned to such duties to obtain the files when they are needed by stenographers.

Each stenographer was obtaining her own supplies from the supply room. This was discontinued and a regular systematic method and time of distributing supplies on a weekly basis was initiated, thereby eliminating the necessity for the stenographers to leave their desks for this reason.

There were several instances noted to confirm the expressed opinion of Acting Special Agent in Charge Purvis that when complaints of a lengthy nature are received at the office and when it is apparent that these complaints will be used as a basis for investigation by the Chicago Office, such complaints should not be recorded in memorandum form, consisting of four or five pages, but should be incorporated in a regular investigative report, thereby eliminating the necessity for re-typing this information in a subsequent investigative report.

There appears to have been entirely too much talking and gossiping and activities of a social nature during office hours on the part of a few of the stenographers, which not only prevented the employees participating from performing their duties, but also interfered with those not similarly inclined. I took occasion to call this matter to the attention of the stenographers and informed them that there must be an immediate discontinuance of this promiscuous gossiping and loud talking in the stenographic room.

It was observed on one or two occasions that at nine o'clock A. M. the stenographers were assembled around the mirror in the office instead of being at their desks. They were all informed that being in the office did not answer the requirements, as they should be in their desks promptly at nine A. M.

Mr. Purvis called attention to the fact that according to the present arrangement whenever the stenographer assigned to

the reception-telephone desk left this desk for any purpose she had to call a stenographer from the stenographic room at the far end of the office, who in turn would be required to assemble her work in a basket, bring it to the desk, and to relieve the stenographer, who had gone to take dictation, gone to lunch, or had left her desk for any reason. Mr. Purvis recommended, and I agreed to his recommendation, that two stenographers be placed at that point with desks adjacent and the telephones between the desks. It is now unnecessary to waste time in changes.

It has been a practice in the Chicago office to arbitrarily acknowledge follow-up letters from office of origin when no specific request for investigation was made, and when an answer served no useful purpose. On written instructions this practice was discontinued, except when circumstances demanded.

In the preparation of the monthly administrative report, which is typed by the stenographic personnel, the Chicago office file number was given in detail before the title of each case. This practice was eliminated, with only the classification number shown above the title of cases of such classification.

There was furnished to Acting Special Agent in Charge Purvis a list of the agents in the office, together with the composite opinion of the stenographers with reference to their relative standing in ability to dictate, in order that the Acting Special Agent in Charge might confer with those least qualified in this respect, in order to effect an improvement in the speed with which they dictate, the preparation of facts before calling for a stenographer, and the facilitation of dictation.

#### PENDING WORK

##### Clerical

The following is a record of the quantity of pending clerical work in the Chicago Office on the dates mentioned:

<u>Clerk</u>	<u>3-2-32</u>	<u>3-5-32</u>
Miss Dunkel	1 day	2 days
Miss Ryan	1 day	$\frac{1}{2}$ day
Mr. Madala	3 days	3 days

With reference to the large amount of work to be performed by Clerk Madala, it is perhaps unusually large due to the fact that just before the estimate was obtained on each of the above dates a large quantity of supplies and furniture was received, which this clerk is charged with unpacking and storing. It is believed that each of the above employees is satisfactory in ability, and that the quantity of clerks is sufficient.

Stenographic Work

<u>Stenographer</u>	<u>2/27/32</u>	<u>3/5/32</u>	<u>3/8/32</u>
Johnson	$2\frac{1}{2}$ days	3	1
Sbarboro	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Spivak	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	1
Gray	$3\frac{1}{2}$	2	1
Hastings	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Barber	1	2	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Beam	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Clark	$2\frac{1}{2}$	1	2
Ahlberg	-	-	$\frac{1}{2}$

On 2/27/32 there were twenty-eight reports in a delinquent status which had been assigned to the stenographers for a period in excess of two days, and four of them were received prior to 2/20/32. On 3/5/32 there were twenty-five delinquent reports which had been assigned to the stenographer for a period in excess of two days.

Mrs. Ahlberg received temporary appointment and began duties as a temporary stenographer during the course of the inspection.

This situation will be relieved in part by effecting closer supervision of the stenographic personnel and their activities as above suggested, when further reduction in the delinquencies will occur; however, it is to be observed that

due to the delinquencies on the part of the stenographers, a plan whereby the agents should carry their notes without dictation for brief periods in order to enable the stenographers to keep more nearly abreast with their dictation was being practiced; therefore, the above estimates do not represent all the pending available dictation in the office, and on the last two days of the inspection practically all of the agents dictated, which would increase the quantity of dictation to a large extent. It is believed that a force of nine stenographers is ordinarily sufficient to care for the requirements of the Chicago office. Due to the large quantity of recently received dictation, in the event Mr. Purvis requests permission to employ a stenographer for a thirty-day temporary period I believe that such a request should be allowed.

There is not a waiting list of eligible available applicants in the Chicago office, although many efforts have been made to qualify stenographers unsuccessfully. Two stenographers who were believed to have passed the test are in process of investigation, and it may be that they will be found eligible upon conclusion of the investigation.

#### Agents' Work

The following is a record of the assignments of the pending investigative cases in the Chicago office:

	Active	Inactive	Total	Acct. Days work	Agents' Days work
Unassigned	104	13	117	37	96 $\frac{1}{2}$
Amis	14	0	14	-	15
Baum	9	0	9	-	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bush	21	1	22	-	17
Connaughton	10	1	11	-	25
Cowley	14	5	19	-	15
Dewey	16	1	17	-	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ginane	0	3	3	-	-
Hollis	14	2	16	-	12
Jenkins	24	6	30	-	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
Keating	9	4	13	-	38 $\frac{1}{2}$
Light	9	1	10	-	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
Meekins	12	1	13	-	9
Mullen	21	6	27	-	16
Newman	18	7	25	-	15
Oliver	11	0	11	-	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
Philbrick	20	0	20	-	17

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	Active	Inactive	Total	Acct. days work	Agents' days work
Purvis	0	7	7	-	0
Reed	20	0	20	-	17
Scanlan	7	3	10	-	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Scott	13	4	17	-	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
Stukes	17	0	17	-	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Warnes	13	2	15	-	13
Wood	22	3	25	-	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
Coble	0	0	0	-	0
Huling	1	3	4	150	0
Johnson	2	5	7	40	0
Latimer	1	0	1	40	0
Nugent	0	1	1	150	0
Pierson-	2	0	2	2	0
	424	79	503	382	430

In connection with the above assignments, the 38 $\frac{1}{2}$  days work assigned to Special Agent Keating includes an estimate of thirty days on the Keating-Holden fugitive cases, which may be found of indefinite duration.

The unassigned cases are analyzed as follows:

Class number	Total	Acct. days work	Agents' days work
15	5		4
17	3		1
26	30		14 $\frac{1}{2}$
27	1		1
28	1		$\frac{1}{2}$
29	6	37	$\frac{1}{2}$
31	20		1 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
36	1		-
44	1		-
47	9		5
49	15		36 $\frac{1}{2}$
52	2		1 $\frac{1}{2}$
54	1		$\frac{1}{2}$
60	7		2

During the inspection of the office Mr. Egan passed through Chicago and was kind enough to make an examination of the assigned accounting cases in that office, and following his review of the files his estimate on the quantity of work was made and is recorded in the above tabulation.

Since the above tabulation of assignments was prepared, Special Agent Mehagan has arrived from Cincinnati, Baum from New York, and Flood from Oklahoma City. Special Agent Anderson has departed from Jacksonville, and Special Agent Keep is under instructions to report from Pittsburgh. Special Agent (A) Latimer has arrived from Omaha, and Special Agent (A) Heffler has arrived from Cincinnati. The above arrivals of agents will, of course, be of material aid in reducing the unassigned work and in catching up with the delinquent status of many of the assigned cases.

#### PERSONNEL

##### Clerical

Miss Dunkel, the Chief Clerk in the Chicago Office, a lady of many years' experience, Miss Ryan, of average ability, and Mr. Mudala, a young man of unusual ability and energy, are competent to care for the clerical matters of the office.

##### Stenographic

The following are the grades made by the stenographers during the course of the inspection:

Mrs. Florence Ahlberg	87
Miss Agnes Barber	97
Mrs. Ruby Beam	91
Miss C. E. Clark	94
Miss Mary Gray	82
Miss Gerda Hastings	97
Miss Helen Johnson	No grade
Mrs. Josephine Sbarboro	88
Miss Ruth Spivek	94

Information regarding the stenographic situation and observations with reference to the replacement of certain of the stenographic personnel of the Chicago office are recorded heretofore in this report and in a separate personal and confidential memorandum previously forwarded to the Director.

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The following are the grades made by the Special Agents on the manual tests during the course of the inspection:

Agent	Rules and Regulations	Instructions
R. T. Amlis	90	91½
J. V. Anderson	100	99
W. G. Baum	93	100
J. S. Bush	90	92
H. N. Connaughton	100	95
S. P. Cowley	100	90
O. C. Dewey	100	100
J. L. Flood	91	92½
E. F. Guinane	100	99
J. Heffler (A)	85	90
H. E. Hollis	100	100
Harold Huling (A)	95	95
Charles Jenkins	95	95
A. H. Johnson (A)	100	90
J. J. Keating	98	90
C. P. Light	100	100
W. W. Mackins	98	85
A. D. McHegan	95	85½
R. P. Monson (A)	100	91 *
T. F. Mallen	100	85½
J. E. Nugent (A)	100	95
J. C. Newman	100	97
L. P. Oliver	100	97½
H. W. Philbrick	95	97½
W. L. Pierson (A)	100	100
M. H. Purvis	99	100
R. W. Latimer (A)	91	92½
R. C. Reed	75	88
M. P. Scanlan	100	92½
H. L. Scott	77	100
J. E. Stukes	98	98
J. W. Warner	100	100
W. F. Wood	88	89

\*Assigned Jacksonville Office

It is believed that with the arrival of Special Agent Keap that there will be sufficient agents in Chicago office to take care of current matters.

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Dictation Ability

The following is the composite expression of opinion on the part of the stenographers in the Chicago office as to the ability of the agents assigned there to dictate:

Relative Rating	Name	No. of Stenographers' rating
1	Hollis	8
2	Guinane	8
3	Newman	8
4	Wernes	8
5	Amis	8
6	Donnaughton	7
7	Dewey	8
8	Philbrick	8
9	Huling	8
10	Seaman	8
11	Cowley	5
12	Meekins	8
13	Oliver	4
14	Johnson	7
15	Keating	8
16	Wood	8
17	Anderson	8
18	Nugent	5
19	Scott	6
20	Coble	4
21	Piercen	5
22	Reed	8
23	Mullen	8
24	Light	6
25	Stubs	8
26	Jenkins	8
27	Fish	5

A Copy of this list was furnished Mr. Purvis for his information in endeavoring to obtain increased efficiency in those of least ability.

Irregular Arrivals and Departures

The following is a list of the irregular registrations at the Chicago Office:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Irregularity</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1951			
7/1	Scannell	Arrived at 12:53	"O.K. - W.A.M."
7/6	Thomas	Arrived at 9:30	"Returned from Kansas City at 9:20 A.M. Leave slip submitted W.A.M."
7/6	Guinane	Arrived at 8:30;	Registry occurred after 9 A.M. and should have been registered showing exact time of registration.
7/7	Guerrero	Arrived 12:45	"Four hours leave. O.K. W.A.M."
7/7	Anderson	Arrived 9:03	"Leave slip; returned from leave. W.A.M."
7/7	Miss Ryan	Arrived 9:06	"No excuse. Leave slip. W.A.M."
7/8	Mrs. Davis	Arrived 8:45	Registry subsequent to 12:05 - forgot to sign in. O.K. W.A.M."
7/31	Miss Branigan	Arrived 9:40	"Phoned in, sick. G."
8/6	Miss Johnson		Registered arrival at 9 A.M. subsequent to registration at 11:45.
8/7	Plummer	Arrived at 10 A.M.	"O.K. Mo"
8/14	Miss Spivak	Registered arrival at 8:45	Registration of 8:45 made subsequent to previous reg. of 8:56 O.K.-Mo"

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Irregularity</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1951			
8/17	H.E. Hollis	Arrived 9:01	"Auto trouble; memo submitted; excused. Mc."
8/18	B.F. Von Driel	" 10:30	"O. K. Mc. Leave slip."
8/26	Miss Clark	" 9:15	"Leave slip. G."
8/27	Dewey	" 9:18	"O. K. G."
9/11	Anderson	" 4:55	"O. K. - G."
9/12	Miss Spivak	Departed at 10:30	No explanation
9/17	Miss Hastings	Arrived 10:30	"Had worked until 11 P. M. night before. Approved by Inspector Clegg."
9/17	Mrs. Starboro	" 10:35	"Had worked until 11 P. M. night before. Approved by Inspector Clegg."
9/25	H.E. Hollis	" 9:04	"Train delayed by storm. Memo. Mc."
9/25	Miss Clark	" 9:05	"Train delayed by storm. Memo. Mc."
9/25	Wood	" 9:10	"Train delayed by storm. Memo. Mc."
9/30	Huling	" 11:00	"From vacation. O.K. Mc."
10/1	McSwain	Registered arrival 5 P.M.	"Actually arrived at 8:30 A.M. but neglected to register. Mc."
10/7	McSwain	Failed to register until after 9:25	"Arrived at 8:10 A.M. Mc."
10/10	Johnson	Arrived 9:20	"Street car tied up. Excused. Mc."

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Irregularity</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1931			
10/20	Miss Spivak	Luncheon period from 1:05 to 2:08	"Late; excused. Mc."
10/20	Miss Johnson	Arrived 9:15	"Excused, see memo. Mc."
10/20	Keating	" 9:30	" " " "
10/23	Miss Spivak	Departed 4:P.M.	No explanation
10/24	Miss Clark	" 12:30	"one hour leave. Mc."
10/29	Miss Clark	Luncheon period from 12:30 to 2:30	"One hour leave. Mc."
10/31	Light	Arrived 9:01	"Traffic. Leave slip submitted. Mc."
11/5	Miss Gray	Luncheon period from 12:10 to 1:45	"One hour annual leave. Mc."
11/5	Miss Ryan	Luncheon period from 12 to 1:55	"One hour annual leave. Mc."
11/7	Meekins	Arrived 9:16	"Leave slip submitted. Mc."
11/9	Newman	Registered at 12:30	"Arrived 8:40 A.M. but neglected sign register. O.K. Mc."
11/16	Miss Barber	Arrived 1:00 P. M.	"Annual leave 9 to 1. Mc."
11/17	McSwain	Registered at 9:30	"Arrived at 8:30 but failed to register. Mc."
11/20	McSwain	Arrived at 9:40	"Reported to 1900 Bankers Bldg. atn 9 A.M. for con- ference. Mc."
11/21	Miss Johnson	" 9:02	"Leave slip"
11/21	Miss Gray	" 9:09	"Excused. Worked night before"

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Irregularity</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1931			
11/24	Miss Sbarboro	Luncheon from 12:05 to 1:20	"1 hr. annual leave. Ms."
11/24	Miss Hastings	Luncheon from 12:05 to 1:30.	"1 hr. annual leave. Ms."
11/24	Miss Johnson	Departed 3 P. M.	"2 hrs. annual leave. Ms."
11/25	Miss Dunkel	Luncheon period from 1:05 to 2:30	"1 hr. " " "
12/1	"	Arrived 9:05	"Worked late night before. Excused. Ms."
12/2	Reed	" 9:15	No explanation
12/2	McGowan	Registered 9:20	"Did not sign in until late. Ms."
12/16	Miss Johnson	Arrived 9:10	"Excused. Worked late night before. Ms."
12/16	Philbrick	" "	" "
12/17	Miss Dunkel	" 10:00	"Leave slip submitted. Ms."
12/18	McGowan	"	Failed to register but arrived 8:40 A.M. Ms."
1932			
1/2	Ellen	" 9:25	"Name submitted, excused been prompt heretofore. Ms?"
1/9	Reed	Registered arrival at 8:50 after "9 o'clock line" drawn.	
1/9	Dewey	Registered arrival at 8:50 after "9 o'clock line" drawn.	

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Date	Name	Irregularity	Remarks
1/10	Philbrick	Arrived 9:05	No explanation
1/20	Miss Johnson	" 11:50	"Sick leave. O. E. Ma."
1/21	Miss Spivak	Luncheon period from 1:07 to 2:55	"Leave slip submitted. P."
1/30	Miss Johnson	Arrived 11:15	No explanation
2/4	Reed	Arrived 9:01	
	Miss Spivak	" 9:03	
	" Clark	" 9:05	
	" Gray	" 9:06	
	" Hastings	" 9:17	"Excused account of tie-up in transportation due to snow-storm. P."
	" Dunkel	" 9:18	
2/5	James	" 9:50	
	Soules	" 9:50	
	Philbrick	" 9:00	"Worked all night previous night continuously until this registration."
	Connaughton	" 9:40	
	Amis	" 9:50	
2/5	James	" 9:25	
	Philbrick	" 9:50	"Out last previous night on Special."
	Bush	" 9:54	
	Butterworth	" 10:18	
	Halling	" 9:10	
	Amis	" 4:10	
2/6	Mrs. Dean	Departed 1:07	"Leave."
2/6	Bush	Arrived 9:08	"None requested; excused. S."
2/6	Stakes	" 11:50	"Out on official business night before until 4:30 A.M."
2/6	Keating	" 1:30	"Out until 7 A.M. on official business night before."
2/6	Wood	" 8:15	"Out until 7 A.M. previous night on official business."

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Irregularity</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
2/9	Amis	Arrived 2:10 P. M.	"Out until 6 A.M. previous night, official business."
2/9	Miss Clark	Luncheon period 1:05 to 2:06	"Excused. P."
2/9	Miss Gray	Departed at 4:02	"Leave. P."
2/10	H. K. Hollis	Arrived at 9:09	"Excused, Memo. P."
2/10	Scanlan	" 9:09	" " "
2/11	Philbrick	" 10:30	"Maryland Hotel, 76 case."
2/12	Philbrick	" 10:00	"No explanation"
2/12	Miss Johnson	Departed 1:30 P. M.	"Leave".
2/12	Philbrick	Arrived 10:30	No explanation
2/12	Keating	Registered 9:35	"Arrived at office at 8:40 Overlooked registering"
2/12	Mrs. Sbarboro) O.C. Dewey )	Did not register upon arrival, although arrived prior to 9 A.M.	"
2/16	Newman	Arrived 10:55	"Keating and Holden Case. P."
2/17	Newman	" 1:45	" " "
2/18	Purvis	" 12:35	"Sick leave"
2/19	Butterworth	" 8:40 but neglected to register until after 9 A. M.	"
2/24	Bush	Arrived 12:25	"Special."
2/25	Purvis	Arrived 12:40	"From sick leave"
2/25	Bush	" 9:50	"Special O.K. G."

Date	Name	Irregularity	Remarks
2/26	Dish Newman Keating	Arrived 10:32) " 12:50) " 12:50)	"Keating and Holden Case. P"
2/27	Amis	" 9:45	"
3/1	Reed	Failed to sign in before 9 A.M. although arrived at 8:34	
3/2	Reed	Arrived 9:01	"Worked late night before; excused. O. K. P."
3/2	Nugent	" 9:40	"Worked until 2:45 A.M. night before.
3/3	Wames	" 10:30	"Worked until 8 night before"
3/3	Newman) ----- Gowley)	" 11:45	"Worked until 6 A.M. this date
3/2	Stokes) ----- Amis )	" 1:45	" " " " " "
3/3	Purvis	" 12:45	"Sick leave"
3/3	Connaughton	" 11:30	"Keating and Holden case."
3/5	Miss Gray	" 9:05	"Memo submitted; excused."
3/7	Miss Hastings	" 9:42	"Excused; see memo. P."
3/8	Mrs. Heem	Departed 4:08	No explanation
3/8	Miss Spivak	" 4:10	"
3/9	Miss Dunkel	Excused for time necessary, on authority of Inspector Clegg and Acting S.A.C. Purvis, to represent office at funeral services for Mrs. Sbarboro's father.	

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(Form No. 3)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Irregularity</u>
1931		
7/24	L. H. Feenington	Registered arrival from Washington, D. C.; local address and telephone number omitted.
10/9	H. P. Locke	Registered arrival on general assignment; did not indicate his local address or telephone number.
Some date subsequent to 8/16	J. E. Nugent	Registered his arrival at 7:55 A. M. for regular assignment. The date and local address were omitted.
11/8	J. H. Roche	Registered arrival on general assignment; address or telephone number not shown.

An examination of the daily registry sheets disclosed the following names of those who usually arrive before 8:30 A. M.

W. A. McSwain  
 O. H. Dewey  
 H. P. Locke  
 E. L. Scott  
 E. P. Guinane  
 A. H. Johnson  
 D. E. Hall.

Miss Dumbel, Miss Ryan, and Mr. Madala throughout an extended period have frequently worked until very late in the evening. A good number of the stenographers in the Chicago office have been working at least an hour overtime each day for the past few weeks.

The following is a list of the per diem charged by  
Special Agents attached to the Chicago office since the last inspection:

Special Agents	1931 July	1931 August	1931 September	1931 October	1931 November	1931 Dec.	1932 January
Amis							\$21.25
Anderson				7.50		35.00	32.50
Baum							
Bush							
Connaughton					50.00		21.25
Cowley							
Dewey		153.00			20.00		
Guinane							25.00
Hollis				15.00		21.25	42.50
Jenkins	37.50	16.50	45.00	56.25	67.50	53.75	38.75
Keating		21.00	19.50		7.50		12.50
Light							
Meekins				70.00	77.50	43.75	122.50
Mullen							
Newman	135.00	57.00	123.00	68.75	48.75	71.75	48.25
Oliver		57.00	145.50	117.65		108.75	
Philbrick					122.50		
Plummer							
Reed					17.50		
Scanlan	48.00	115.50	31.50	89.75	26.25	110.00	123.75
Scott					63.75		17.50
Stukes							
Warnes				8.75			
Wood					12.50	7.50	5.00
<u>Special Agents (A)</u>							
Coble		49.50		87.50		38.75	82.50
Huling	7.50	12.00	25.50	6.25			
Johnson	52.50	85.50	40.50	8.75		6.75	
Nugent		100.50					
Pierson		31.50	16.50	68.75		38.75	60.00

MISCELLANEOUS

While conducting the inspection of the Chicago Office I telephoned United States Attorney Loomis of South Bend, Indiana. He advised me that the boys in the Chicago Office are splendid, the work is handled well; that Agents D. E. Hall and Scanlan have been doing good work, as they have been most frequently assigned in his district. He had no criticisms or suggestions to offer. He is finding the criminal records obtained as a result of the fingerprints sent to the Bureau of very great aid to him. He had only words of commendation for the operation of the Chicago office.

United States Attorney Wetmore at Grand Rapids, Michigan, advised during a telephone conversation that there were no problems or difficulties in connection with the work of this Bureau being handled in his district. He stated that the work of the Chicago office is very satisfactory, and, in his opinion, there is nothing which needs adjusting or improving. He stated that he receives criminal records of arrested persons in a prompt manner after the fingerprints are forwarded by the Marshals.

United States Attorney Bancroft of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised by telephone that he desired to add his complete endorsement to the very splendid boys and their work in the Chicago office of this Bureau. He had no suggestions to offer which would in any way improve the type of service he was receiving. He stated that the fingerprints sent in by Marshals resulted in prompt return of criminal records, which are very valuable to him.

United States Attorney George E. Q. Johnson was interviewed, and advised that he had no criticisms whatsoever to make of any of the work being handled by the Chicago office of this Bureau. He finds the agents very capable, and the administration of the office by Mr. McSwain he felt was the best that had ever prevailed at Chicago. He stated that he would probably in the near future start turning down the agents of this Bureau on motor theft cases when the subjects involved were juveniles. Mr. Johnson was informed that his adoption of this practice would not in any way be a turn-down to the agents of this Bureau; that we were very anxious to follow his desires with regard to the investigation of cases of this kind; that the office would be pleased to present to him complaints regarding juveniles and in the event he did not desire to prosecute, regardless of the truth or falsity of the complaint, if he would make known his desires to the Chicago Office that office would be glad to follow his desires. He was further informed that the fact that he did not authorize prosecution or the fact that a prosecution resulted in a conviction or an acquittal did not in any way affect

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the efficiency of the agents conducting the investigation, as they were charged solely with the efficient, thorough, and ethical investigation of a complaint to a logical conclusion, and their efficiency was based solely upon their ability in this regard. He stated that this was an ideal situation as far as he was concerned, and he wished that all agencies would adopt a similar attitude. Mr. Johnson stated that he was very much in hopes that the Bureau would see fit to permit Special Agent in Charge McSwain to remain at Chicago after his return from Hawaii; that although he found Mr. Purvis "fine" he had a particularly high regard for Mr. McSwain, his ability, and his judgment. The latter, he stated, was outstanding, and he had found that the higher type of his own assistants had all endeavored to become close personal friends with Mr. McSwain because he was such a high type of young man.

Mr. Johnson apparently had never been informed concerning the extensive operation of the Identification Division of this Bureau. He expressed astonishment and intense interest in the volume of work that was being handled, as well as at the size of the Identification Division of the Bureau. He claims that he would like to have statistics, booklets, pamphlets, and all data which might be available to aid him in preparing talks, the first of which he would deliver to his own staff, calling attention to the improvements of the Identification work of this Bureau and the availability of its service to law enforcement officials; that he desired, secondly, to respond to many requests to talk on law enforcement by the Government, and he was particularly pleased to find such an interesting subject, wherein the Government was offering at no cost this splendid service to all law enforcement officials.

Mr. Johnson stated that he is also anxious to get any booklet which might be given to men in training for fingerprint work; that he would like to study it to get some degree of familiarity with the work, if some such pamphlet were available. He was informed that his desires in this regard would be transmitted to the Bureau, and he added that he might add his own letter making a similar request at a later date.

Assistant United States Attorney Owen West, who handles the bulk of the Bureau's work other than bankruptcy matters, was interviewed. He stated that the boys in the Chicago office were doing fine. He claims that he felt that Mr. Purvis upon his arrival had a rather large pair of shoes to fill in taking the place of Mr. McSwain, but he had found Purvis' feet large enough to fill the bill in every particular.

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Several efforts were made to interview Assistant United States Attorney Struett, who handles bankruptcy prosecutions, but unsuccessfully, as he was each time out of his office, and I did not desire to leave my name with his secretary when I called.

With reference to an indication that certain stenographers in the Chicago office were padding their daily reports of pages typed, a score was kept for three days on the work produced by the stenographers, with the result that the stenographers showed from four pages more than they had reported to ten pages less. In each instance some of the shortages were accounted for by corrections which had been made in reports returned to them, and which were not returned in such manner that it could be told how many pages were corrected without disclosing to the stenographers that a daily score was being kept. Assistant Special Agent in Charge Guinane advises that he has kept fairly close tab on this situation, with the result that he believes that the reports have been consistently fairly accurate. Further checks will be made from time to time.

There are attached hereto and made a part of this report records of interviews in Chicago, Illinois, with peace officers. There are also attached individual reports on the personnel of the Chicago office.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

HHC:RG  
Encl.

INTERVIEWS WITH PRAGE OFFICERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

It has been customary to hear reports that Police Officers in Chicago did not always offer whole-hearted cooperation with agents of this Bureau. It was particularly pleasing to note that during the course of an interview with Captain Zinner that he was acquainted with Special Agent in Charge McGwain and a large number of the agents in the office, who frequently came in contact with the Stolen Motor Vehicle Division, of which Captain Zinner is in charge. He commended highly the work performed by the agents, stating that always after calling the Chicago office men were dispatched immediately to confer with his men to handle a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act investigation. He stated that they operated intelligently, and that their contacts with his own officers caused his men to comment freely upon the fine class of young men who were agents of this Bureau. He desired that I convey to the Director his appreciation for the opportunity to work with the agents of this Bureau in Chicago.

I also interviewed Chief of Detectives Shumaker, who stated that there was no cooperation offered by his division which could in any way approach that offered by the Identification Division of this Bureau. He was glad that cooperation was being offered by the Motor Theft Division as well as by the regular detectives of his department, which he stated he hoped would repay the Bureau to some extent for the splendid cooperation of the Identification Division. He knew Mr. McGwain by name, expressed a high regard for him, and asked if I had any suggestions for the change or transfer of his men or any of the personnel of the Detective Bureau of the Chicago Police Department which would in any way improve the service or improve the cooperation with this Bureau. He seemed to have a very wholesome attitude.

Captain Evans, in charge of the Fingerprint Division, has been ill at home for several days. His Secretary, Mr. Pashka, stated that there was nothing but the finest type of cooperation being received from this Bureau. He stated that there had been one "miss" on a print sent to the Bureau, after which they wrote giving additional details, and he then received the complete record. He did not seem inclined to furnish the name of the arrested person involved in this "miss" and stated that it had already been called to the attention of the Identification Division. Mr. Pashka called attention to the fact that since my last visit at the Chicago Police Department they had adopted the practice of forwarding more

prints than heretofore. Previously the only prints forwarded were those of persons bound over to await action of the Grand Jury. Now, however, they send in a much larger number of prints and have found them invaluable, and the tendency now is to increase rather than decrease the number of prints forwarded. He seems pleased that there has recently been installed at Springfield a State Bureau for Illinois, and stated that, of course, they are going to have to work diligently to bring that State Bureau up to a point where it might be of service.

Report of Inspector H. H. Clegg,  
Chicago Office,  
February 27 - March 11, 1932.

M. H. Purvis, Acting Special Agent in Charge

Entered on duty 2/4/27

Salary - \$5400.00

Office preference - None

Manual tests - Rules and Regulations, 99%, missing part of 63  
Uniform Crime Reporting, Excellent  
Instructions, 100%

Inspector Clegg:

Acting Special Agent in Charge Purvis has developed a great deal in the last two years in maturity of appearance and attitude. He is still quite young, and yet possesses ability. He immediately impresses one with his outstanding qualities and good judgment. He is a little impatient for things to happen, whether it be an investigation which he is conducting or work which he desires to have turned out of any other nature. He is a strict disciplinarian. As soon as he senses a situation he is immediately right on top of it and has the situation well in hand; in fact, his strictness in this regard may be carried slightly too far in some instances, when he would be prone to consider an unintentional remark or action on the part of a subordinate employee a little too seriously. Mr. Purvis' loyalty is intense. He has a feeling that as a part of the Bureau it is his organization, and he is willing to go to the limit for the organization and for anyone connected with it, from administrative officials down to the lowest salaried clerical employee; yet, if an employee gets off the reservation he is equally alert to protect the Bureau's interests as he interprets them. In handling personnel, in directing their movements, and in measuring their abilities, he is excellent. The opportunity was not present at Chicago to measure his ability to any appreciable extent in having a detailed knowledge of cases, due to the fact that he has been Acting Agent in Charge at Chicago for only a period since January 28, 1932, and, naturally, there are many cases about which he has but little information ready at hand. In the more urgent cases, however, it was found that he had a detailed knowledge of the contents of the file.

During the past month he has spent considerable time on the Keating-Holden fugitive investigation, both as supervisor of the activities and as a director of the agents' activities at the scene of the investigation. During the course of the inspection the two lady-friends of the subjects who had been under observation hurriedly left their hotel at a time when the agents were

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not present and left word that they were proceeding to Milwaukee. These individuals presenting the most active lead known in the effort to locate the subjects, Mr. Purvis was immediately concerned, but was not stampeded. He immediately requested all the men to be available, sent two agents to Milwaukee, and took personal charge of the efforts during the course of the evening to find the women in question. His efforts were rewarded at about 3:30 A. M., and although he had recently been in bed with influenza he was out in the rain with the other men directing their movements in order to keep a cover on the women's movements for the purpose of ascertaining their whereabouts as a logical step in the investigation. That is another example of the fact that to him the Bureau's interests come ahead of all personal inclinations, as well as his personal welfare.

His analyses of the employees in the service was good. He has had occasion to report only concerning a limited number of the personnel in the office since his arrival at Chicago. His contact with them has likewise been comparatively short, and yet he was able to present a rather good estimate as to their capabilities.

Quite a number of cases in the office were found to be in a delinquent status. He was aware of this situation and called it to my attention prior to the time the inspection began, stating that urgent matters demanding the attention of the personnel of the office had prevented his giving all the cases the attention that they deserved, because of the shortage of personnel. He is now convinced that sufficient personnel is available to enable him to bring the office into good shape in a fairly limited period of time.

As to contacts, Mr. Purvis was previously for a short period Acting Special Agent in Charge at Chicago, and was somewhat acquainted with the situations existing in that territory. His contacts, however, even for the brief period of time he has been there, have been of an excellent character. He has attended at least two meetings or conventions of peace officers. He has contacts with the Crime Detection Laboratories, and with the World's Fair movement in Chicago. On three occasions Assistant United States Attorneys in Chicago telephoned him to accompany them to luncheon. Mr. George T. U. Johnson, United States Attorney, described Mr. Purvis as "fine", although expressing a preference for Special Agent in Charge McSwain to be located at Chicago.

Purvis appears capable of commenting without effort with respect to the personnel attached to the office. Status, excellent.

Report of Inspector H. H. Clegg -  
Chicago Office - February 27 - March 11, 1932.

311 Hurley-Wright Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

March 14, 1932

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Inspection of Chicago Office

There are transmitted herewith copies of a memorandum left with Acting Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, in which his attention was called to forty pending investigative files in which there were substantive administrative delinquencies. An analysis of these matters discloses the following:

No recently reported investigation	28
Lack of thoroughness in investigations	4
Failure to present case to U.S. Atty. with promptness	1
Failure to acknowledge incoming communications	1
Failure to follow up case with sufficient promptness	2
Failure to file wanted notice with Bureau	2
Failure to submit summary report	1
Failure to reply to Bureau's inquiries	1
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There are also attached memoranda with reference to nine cases which have been closed by successful prosecution, and although the cases were reported initially to the Chicago Office, those reporting the cases were not advised concerning disposition.

It will be noted in connection with the pending cases above recorded that there are a goodly number of cases on which there has been no recently reported investigation, which is attributable in a large part to the fact that practically all of the agents in the Chicago Office have during the past six weeks or longer been devoting no small amount of attention to the Keating-Holden fugitive cases, an emergency matter, which created the situation largely responsible for the delinquencies.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

HHC:RG  
Encl.

Chicago, Illinois,  
March 4, 1932.

Memorandum to Acting Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis:

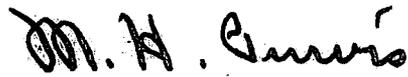
The following matters are being called to your attention for the reason that it appears that appropriate administrative action was not taken in the manner indicated in each particular case. It is desired that you submit such explanation as you may have to offer concerning each of these matters.

As a matter of record, it is noted that you assumed the duties of Acting Special Agent in Charge at the Chicago Office on January 22, 1932, and that previous thereto, Special Agent in Charge W. A. McSwain was in charge of the administration of the Chicago office, although he was absent from this office for a period from December 21, 1931, to January 8, 1932, during which time Assistant Special Agent in Charge E. P. Guinane assumed the duties of Acting Special Agent in Charge.

Very truly yours,

  
H. H. Clegg,  
Inspector.

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M. H. PURVIS, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

In re: LEONARD SILBERG - FUGITIVE  
IRON NATIONAL BANK, Ironwood,  
Michigan  
CHICAGO FILE NO. 29-10

Inspector Clegg: The report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, dated December 24, 1931, with reference to the above matter, appears to be the most recently submitted report in connection with this case. Although it does appear that subsequent information has been received, indicating that the undeveloped lead in Agent Meekins' report is now without value in furthering this investigation, it does appear that the fugitive has not been located and brought into custody and it is believed that this matter should have been given earlier investigative attention.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: I recall that continuous investigation in this case has been made for quite some time in the Northern Section of Michigan. It is my impression that this case was assigned for a road trip in that section approximately one month ago, at which time it was necessary to cancel same in view of exigencies arising in the Chicago office requiring the services of the Agent who had prepared to make the said trip. I believe that a thorough review of this file should be made and instructions will be issued immediately to have this done.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago, Office, March 8, 1932.

No. 15-215

Charles White; George A. Walkup, et al

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Inspector Clegg: The undeveloped leads suggested for the Chicago office in report of Special Agent Perkins dated 9/22/31 at Birmingham, Alabama, requested the Chicago office to obtain the original or a certified copy of a waybill relating to the stolen shipments and forward to the Birmingham office where it presumably would be used in presenting the case to the grand jury. An effort was made to obtain this data by correspondence, which did not result successfully at the time and information was received that the goods did not reach the consignee, whereupon the Birmingham office was requested to secure detailed information. Upon the receipt of the report of Special Agent C. H. Taylor dated 11/27/31 at Cincinnati, Ohio, it is observed that information was set forth indicating that a waybill was in possession of the auditor of the C.E. & L. Railroad at Chicago. However, no subsequent effort appears to have been made by the Chicago office for the purpose of obtaining this information. The case was not reopened until the receipt of a letter from the Birmingham office dated February 26, 1932.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: The only apparent reason for this oversight was that the case was not pending at the time the report of Agent Taylor was received and no lead was set out in report of Agent Taylor. However, I realize that this explanation is insufficient and the case will be assigned immediately and the desired information obtained.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago Office, March 9, 1932.

No. 51-2602  
Amos W. Wiesner  
Unknown Victim

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Inspector Clegg: This case was received from the office of the United States Attorney at South Bend, Indiana, on December 31st, 1931, since which time it appears that no investigation has been reported.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: This matter will be given immediate attention.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 9, 1932.

No. 26-4330  
Edward J. McGowan with alias

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Inspector Clegg: Although investigation has been made in connection with this matter it does not appear that a conference has been had with a United States Attorney to ascertain if Federal prosecution is desired, regardless of the outcome of the prosecution on a robbery charge in the State courts. The reports to date do not reflect whether the car involved in instant investigation is directly connected with the robbery charges pending against the Subjects in State court at Chicago. In the event the United States Attorney is desirous of instituting prosecution it may be found desirable to have proper process issued so that in the event the Subjects are acquitted in or released by the State courts they can immediately be taken into Federal custody. An expression of your opinion is desired as to the propriety of the suggested action.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: In my opinion the facts should be presented to the United States Attorney for an opinion or an expression of his desires as to whether prosecution will be had in this case. I will have this done at once.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 9, 1932.

No. 26-4368  
Arie DeRuther with aliases;  
Marion Van Beale

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Inspector Clegg: An examination of the statement of Subject DeRuther in report of Agent Green dated 11/20/31 at Omaha Nebraska, discloses that DeRuther claims that he had obtained a car from Geno Cuttello on about November 12 or 13, at which time he was either directly or indirectly in contact with Cuttello. An investigation reported by this office by Agent Jenkins dated 1/11/32 discloses that inquiry was made and information obtained indicating that Geno Cuttello had died November 15, 1931, at the Lake View Hospital. It apparently would have been important in connection with DeRuther's claims to establish the date on which Cuttello entered the hospital. The subsequent confirmation of this opinion appears later in a lead from the Omaha office requesting that this particular information be obtained which would have a value in proving or disproving the allegations made by DeRuther.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: My belief is that the investigation should have been carried farther and that the length of time which Cuttello was in the hospital should have been obtained.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 9, 1932.

No. 26-4449  
John Zons alias Jack Zons

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Inspector Clegg: Report of Special Agent C. P. Light dated January 30, 1932, was conducted in part for the purpose of locating the Subject. You will observe that subsequent to the submission of this report the Seattle office has called attention to the fact that the individuals by similar name in Chicago, as ascertained from Agent Light, were not interviewed and that an individual with a police record in Chicago of approximately the same age as the Subject was available, although no effort was made to obtain a photograph of this individual in order to ascertain if he was identical with the Subject. In view of the comments as contained in letter from the Seattle office dated February 8, 1932, an expression of your opinion is desired as to the thoroughness of the investigation reported by Agent Light.

Reting S.A.C. Purvis: In view of the facts of this case it is my belief that wherever possible photographs of these parties should be obtained and forwarded to the Seattle office for their use, and also that due to the peculiarity of the name some benefit would probably result from further investigation which will be completed as soon as possible.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 9, 1932.

No. 26-4519  
Ford Coupe, Motor No. A-4188715

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Inspector Clegg: This matter was received at the Chicago office on February 10, 1932, from the manager of the A.P.I. Bureau. It does not appear that this communication was acknowledged by the Chicago office.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: The communication should, of course, have been answered. However, in view of the age of this communication it would serve no purpose to acknowledge same at this time. I will, however, acknowledge receipt of all similar letters in the future.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 9, 1932.

No. 49-747

William G. McNulty; John P. McNulty, et al

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Inspector Clegg: Complaint in this matter was received at the Chicago office on December 24, 1931, as recorded in a memorandum for Acting Special Agent in Charge Guinane dated 12/29/31, since which time no investigation appears to have been reported in connection with the complaint. This is an unassigned case.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: This is the oldest bankruptcy case which remains unassigned. It should be assigned at the earliest possible date and this will be done within the near future.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 9, 1932.

No. 47-842  
Ben S. Gilbert

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Inspector Clegg: Report of Agent R. T. Amis dated 1/25/32 suggests an undeveloped lead for the San Francisco office. It does not appear that a report has been received from that office, nor does it appear that Chicago, which is the office of origin, has followed this matter up.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: It is possible that the tickler is lost or misplaced and it appears that the matter should have been followed up. This is the only explanation I can offer for this situation. It will be followed up immediately and the tickler box will be checked to ascertain any further reason for this Agent to follow up the case.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 9, 1932.

No. 31-2609  
Charles McBride  
Margaret McBride - Victim

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Inspector Clegg: This matter was received at the Chicago office on January 6, 1932, since which date it appears that no investigation has been reported in this connection.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: On receipt of the letter from the Detroit office dated February 29, 1932, I was informed that a report was in the process of being typed and so advised the Detroit office by letter dated March 3rd, 1932. It appears that this report has not gone out yet.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 9, 1932.

No. 47-830

G. B. Maleck; -- Nelson;

L. Nolan

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Inspector Clegg: This matter was received at the Chicago office on December 12, 1951. The case was assigned to Special Agent Bush on January 5, 1952. No investigation has been reported since its receipt.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: This investigation appears to have been unnecessarily delayed in view of the date of assignment. However, during the first part of February and continuing for some time during that month it was necessary to employ this Agent together with various other agents on the Kenting and Helden, Escaped Federal Prisoners case in connection with shadow work, etc. I will call this case to Agent Bush's attention immediately.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 9, 1952.

No. 31-2319  
Ray Spencer, with alias, et al

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Inspector Clegg: Investigation apparently has been in process for some time for the purpose of locating Subject by the name of Joe Anderson. An examination of the voluminous files in this case, however, fails to reflect that Anderson is properly a fugitive or that a request for a wanted notice to be filed in the Identification Division has been made.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: Steps will be taken to see that this action is completed at once.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 9, 1932.

No. 49-628  
Samuel "Izzy" Silver, with aliases;  
Ida Silver

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Inspector Clegg: Undeveloped lead for the purpose of contacting attorney for the Trustee and Receiver at Chicago and also for the purpose of interviewing Lizzy Ginsberg in Chicago have been pending since the submission of reports by Special Agents D. E. Hall, 12/23/31 and J. L. McCaffrey dated 12/21/31, respectively. It appears from an examination of the file that no investigation has subsequently been made with reference to these leads.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: It is apparent that this case has been unnecessarily delayed and immediate steps will be taken to cover the leads so that the matter may be brought to a logical conclusion as early as possible.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 9, 1932.

No. 26-4227  
Horace C. Strail  
Fran Jacob

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Inspector Clegg: Investigation appears to have been pending in the Chicago district at Racine, Wisconsin, since the report of Agent Jenkins dated November 17, 1931, and further investigation at Cicero, Illinois, is suggested in report of Agent L. J. Roubert dated 12/9/31 at Detroit, since which date it does not appear that any investigation has been reported in the Chicago district.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: The charge out slip in this case at the present time shows that Agent Jenkins received serials on 3/2/32. It appears that the date of 1/12/32 had previously been erased and that the former date had been replaced by the latter. This is possibly due to instructions issued at this office in the past to the effect that when serials are retained by an employee for an extended period they should be re-charged. I am not of the opinion that this procedure is correct, inasmuch as re-charging of serials to an employee with no record of the first date when he received them having been made, precludes any possibility of ascertaining definitely the first date he obtained same. With your permission I will institute a plan whereby the original date may remain on the charge out slip but that a notation be made by the chief clerk showing that they were checked as in his possession as of a certain date.

However, I realize that this fails to explain the delay in investigation and I will ascertain reasons for same and will have the matter covered at once.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 9, 1932.

No. 49-601  
Michael J. Svehla, Sr.,  
Edward J. Svehla, et al

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Inspector Clogg: A summary report was submitted by Special Agent Keating on 9/16/31 since which date it does not appear that this matter has been followed up with the United States Attorney. This case is assigned to Agent Keating.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: Subsequent to the dictation of the above paragraph I inquired of Special Agent Keating as to why the matter had not been followed up with the United States Attorney. He stated that he had discussed the matter with Assistant U.S. Attorney Owen A. West recently but nothing definite was determined. He was instructed to immediately ascertain the present status of this matter and to submit a report thereon.

Inspection report, Inspector Clogg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 49-364  
Joseph M. Krevitz, et al

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Inspector Clegg: Special Agent Keating suggests in his report on January 14, 1932, that he will submit a summary report in the near future. Such summary report, however, does not appear.

acting S.A.C. Purvis: This report should have been prepared. However, Special Agent Keating has been assigned almost exclusively to the Keating and Holden, Escaped Federal Prisoners case. I will take steps to see that a summary is prepared.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 76-158  
Eddy Baker - FUGITIVE

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Inspector Clegg: This case was initially received in the Chicago office 2/4/31 and undeveloped leads for investigation by the office were suggested at the time of its receipt. No report, however, was made until June 11, 1931, although Chicago is the office of origin. Since the latter mentioned date no report has been prepared by this office until December 7, 1931. The file does not disclose whether the Subject was sentenced after a plea of guilty or after conviction by trial. In the latter event it is probable that there were character witnesses or other witnesses available whom it might be expected that the Subject would contact following his escape. An expression of your opinion is desired as to the thoroughness of this investigation as well as an explanation, if you are able to present it with reference to the extreme delays on the part of the Chicago office in reporting investigation.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: It is my belief that sufficient thought has not been given to this case. Obviously leads could be discovered by the Agent to whom the case was assigned with very little additional attention and I will see that this is done immediately.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 49-350  
Jerome Cloak Company, Inc.,  
Edward Gordon, President.

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Inspector Clegg: Report of Special Agent Jenkins dated October 9, 1931, records the most recently reported investigation in connection with this matter and in reply to the Bureau's letter dated January 15, 1932, making inquiry concerning this case, Special Agent in Charge McSwain advised that a report will be forthcoming immediately.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: This case is assigned to Special Agent Charles Jenkins and has been unwarrantably delayed. It appears in his report dated 10/9/31 that no leads are set out and apparently the report was written without consideration for the future of the case. I will take steps immediately to see that this case is given proper attention.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 49-607

Leo Roos; Isadore Levitansky, et al

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Inspector Clegg: Investigation by the Chicago office was requested in report of Special Agent A. M. Cranston dated 1/12/32 at Cincinnati, Ohio, since which time it does not appear that any report of investigation has been forthcoming from this office.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: This case was assigned to Special Agent Dewey on 1/28/32. During the past thirty days it has been necessary to employ Special Agent Dewey on special investigations in connection with the Holden and Keating, Escaped Federal Prisoners case. He has not, therefore, been engaged entirely on cases which are assigned to him. However, he is not so engaged at the present time and I will immediately see that the case is given proper attention.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 47-617  
Richard P. Moore, with alias -  
FUGITIVE

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Inspector Clegg: Although Agent Dewey in his report dated 1/15/32 suggested that the Chicago office would continue the investigation to locate the Subject, no subsequent report of investigation appears in the file.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: As stated immediately above, this Agent has been assigned to urgent investigation on the Keating-Holzer case for several weeks. I will instruct him immediately to bring this matter to a logical conclusion as early as possible.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 28-3877

George Eichendorf with aliases

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Inspector Clegg: Special Agent T. F. Mullen's report dated 12/31/31 indicates that this matter is awaiting trial in the State Court, which was scheduled for January 12, 1932, since which date it does not appear that this matter has been followed up as to the State prosecution.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: It will be called to the attention of Special Agent Mullen immediately and will be followed up.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 15-217  
Joseph Colluci;  
William Jordan with alias

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Inspector Clegg: Special Agent J. J. Keating in his report dated 10/8/31 indicates that an effort will be made to cause the apprehension of Subject William Jordan, since which time no effort was made for this purpose, according to the files, until the report of Agent Keating dated 2/5/32, nor does it appear that since it was first ascertained that Jordan's apprehension was desirable that this office has requested the Bureau to file a wanted notice with reference to Subject Jordan.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: This matter will be called to the attention of Agent Keating at once and a wanted notice will be requested.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 26-3991  
Albert Such

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Inspector Clegg: This case is assigned to Special Agent T. F. Mullen. The most recently submitted report in connection with this case is Agent Mullen's report dated 1/11/32 which outlines additional investigation for the Chicago office, and on February 12, 1932, the office of origin called this matter to your attention with a follow-up letter.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: The delay in this matter is no doubt due to the shortage of personnel, and although Agent Mullen was engaged on the Keating and Holden matter for a short time, it is believed that this should have been covered previously. It will be called to his attention and expedited.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 31-1910  
Leon Spencer - FUGITIVE;  
Gertrude Carpenter - Victim

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Inspector Clegg: The most recently reported investigation by the Chicago office in connection with this case is in the report of Special Agent Scott dated 1/13/32. The case is assigned to Special Agent T. F. Miller.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: It appears that this matter should be given immediate attention and instructions will be issued to have this done.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 26-4294  
Joe Skryczak alias Smuffy, et al

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Inspector Clegg: This case is assigned to Special Agent T. F. Mullen. The report of Special Agent T. F. Mullen dated 10/10/31 with reference to the above case and bearing title, Daniel Phillip Franklin, appears to be the most recently reported constructive investigative attention that this case has received. It appears to be desirable that the Subjects be located and the only effort since the above dated report, which has been undertaken by Agent Mullen in this connection, is to interview two police officers to see if they had found ~~them~~. No investigation by Agent Mullen himself has been recorded looking towards this purpose.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: This will be called to the attention of Agent Mullen immediately and he will be instructed to complete the investigation as early as possible.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 49-690  
Homer S. Siler

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Inspector Clegg: No investigation appears to have been reported by the Chicago office in connection with this matter since report of Agent Mullen dated 1-15-32. Additional investigation has been suggested for the Chicago office at Gary, Valparaiso and Hammond, Indiana. This case is assigned to Special Agent T. F. Mullen.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: The leads at Gary and Hammond should be covered by Agent Mullen and he will be instructed to do so and the lead at Valparaiso will be assigned to an agent making a road trip in that territory at once.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 26-4437  
Henry John Joseph Juvarek

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Inspector Clegg: Although the St. Louis office indicated in a report dated 2/8/32 that this case was awaiting a report from the Chicago office on its investigation of Subject Juvarek and the undeveloped lead requested, this investigation has been pending in this office since the receipt of the report of Special Agent Debell dated 1/4/32 at St. Louis, Missouri. This matter has apparently received no investigative attention to date. The case was assigned to Agent Miller January 28, 1932.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: This matter will be called to Agent Miller's attention.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 26-4269

Russell Hughes alias Pat Hughes, et al

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Inspector Clegg: The report of Special Agent T. G. Kelliher dated 12/26/31 at Cincinnati suggests a re-interview with Leonard Hughes in Chicago with reference to this case, although the file does not reflect a report covering this interview.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: This will be called to the attention of Agent Mullen and he will be instructed to cover this lead at the earliest possible date.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 26-3933

Henry E. Nelson; Otto J. Amarr, et al

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Inspector Clegg: Further investigation appears to be pending in the Chicago district for investigation at Woodstock, Illinois. However, no report has been submitted by this office since the report of Agent Jenkins dated 12/23/31. This case is assigned to Special Agent T. F. Mallen.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: It appears that this case should have been followed up by Agent Mallen although the lead at Woodstock would be covered by the agent making a trip in that vicinity. The matter will be attended to at once.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 51-2532  
Luigi Carbone;  
Mrs. Angelina Cupani - Victim

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Inspector Clegg: The most recently reported investigation in connection with this matter is the report of Special Agent W. F. Wood dated 1/13/32 which suggests additional investigation.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: Since February 4, 1932, Special Agent Wood has been engaged for quite some time on the Kenting and Holden, Escaped Federal Prisoners investigation. This, in a sense, accounts for some of his time. However, it will be called to his attention right away and he will be instructed to complete the investigation as early as possible.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 26-2689  
Abraham Goldstein, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE

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Inspector Clegg: The most recent report submitted in connection with this case, in which Chicago is the office of origin, is the report of Agent R. B. Donaldson dated 11/21/31. Since that date Special Agent Dutterworth has reviewed the file and has suggested further investigation in his memorandum dated 1/2/32. On 2/19/32 the Bureau requested the file be reviewed for the purpose of discovering leads which might result in apprehension of the fugitive. Since the above mentioned report was prepared, however, it does not appear that report of any investigation has been made.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: Instructions will be issued to have this done at once.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 26-4458

Martin E. Grever, with aliases

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Inspector Clegg: An undeveloped lead appears in report of Agent Nicholson dated 1/15/32 at Detroit, Michigan, for investigation by the Chicago office at Big Rapids, Michigan. The file fails to reflect a report covering the investigation requested.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: Special Agent Anderson had this case for investigation during the last month while on a road trip in Michigan. However, emergencies necessitated his recall from the road trip and it is contemplated that another agent will start on a trip in Michigan within the next day or two, at which time it will be covered.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 49-163

Irwin N. Gunther - FUGITIVE, et al

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Inspector Clegg: A lead was suggested for investigation by the Chicago office in report of Agent J. R. MacDonald dated 12/31/31. It does not appear that the requested investigation has been reported by the Chicago office.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: This case was assigned to Special Agent J. E. Stukes and he has been almost entirely engaged on the Holden and Keating, Escaped Federal Prisoners matter, for the past month. However, the lead will be covered at the earliest possible date and a report will be submitted.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 10, 1932.

No. 49-755  
Mrs. Irene Scott Purtell

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Inspector Clegg: This case was received on complaint made at the Chicago office on January 13, 1932, since when there appears to have been no report of investigation.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: Agent Reed, to whom the case has been assigned, will be instructed to complete the investigation as early as possible.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 11, 1932.

No. 49-717  
United Department Stores, Inc.

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Inspector Clegg: This case was received at the Chicago office by reference from the National Association of Credit Men on September 9, 1931, and information was obtained by Special Agent Warnes, which appeared to be sufficient for him to recommend an investigation as recorded in his memorandum dated October 9, 1931, although this case was assigned to Special Agent Oliver on 12/30/31. No report of investigation appears in the file.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: I have recently talked to Agent Oliver concerning several of his cases and their delinquent status and he has been instructed to give these matters attention and to submit reports.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 11, 1932.

No. 15-204  
Fred Johanson

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Inspector Clegg: On December 24, 1931, the Bureau submitted a letter making certain observations and suggestions in connection with this case. On January 18, 1932, the Bureau requested advice as to the action taken in connection with the suggestions in the previous letter, to which no reply apparently was made, and on February 2nd, 1932, the Bureau instructed this office to immediately advise why no apparent consideration had been given to the previous instructions, to which a letter was then dictated by Special Agent Oliver advising that he will prepare the necessary reports, although to date the reports do not appear in the file. It is observed that each of the three letters from the Bureau were initialled for the file by Special Agent Oliver and the two former letters were sent to the file by Agent Oliver without appropriate action having been taken.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: Upon receipt of the Bureau's letter dated February 2nd, 1932, it was noted that the Bureau's previous letters had not been answered, although they contained specific requests or advice concerning this case. I talked to Agent Oliver and instructed him to answer the letter of February 2nd and to complete this matter at once.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 11, 1932.

No. 49-695  
Joseph Steinberg alias Joseph Stein

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Inspector Clegg: The report of Special Agent Howard P. Locke dated 10/24/31, which is the most recently submitted report in connection with this matter contains suggestions for further investigation by the Chicago office. This case was assigned to Special Agent Oliver on 1/11/32.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: I have recently talked to Agent Oliver concerning several of his cases and their delinquent status and he has been instructed to give these matters attention and to submit reports.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 11, 1932.

No. 43-18  
Earnest Schiffer  
Illegal Wearing of Uniform and  
Impersonation

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Inspector Clegg: This matter originated at this office on December 1st, 1931, on complaint made at this office, since which date it appears that no report of investigation has been effected. This case was assigned to Special Agent Oliver, December 30, 1931.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: I have recently talked to Agent Oliver concerning several of his cases and their delinquent status and he has been instructed to give these matters attention and to submit reports.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 11, 1932.

No. 31-2580  
Joseph Chicka  
Eleanor ----- Victim

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Inspector Clegg: This matter was received at the Chicago office on complaint made at this office on December 4, 1931, since which date it does not appear that any investigation has been reported and the case was assigned to Agent Oliver 1/6/32.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: I have recently talked to Agent Oliver concerning several of his cases and their delinquent status and he has been instructed to give these matters attention and to submit reports.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 11, 1932.

No. 49-725  
McLaughlin Mills Supply Company

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Inspector Clegg: This matter was received at the Chicago office by reference from the United States Attorney on November 7, 1931, on which date the case was assigned to Special Agent Oliver, although a report covering investigation does not appear in the file.

Acting S.A.C. Purvis: I have recently talked to Agent Oliver concerning several of his cases and their delinquent status and he has been instructed to give these matters attention and to submit reports.

Inspection report, Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago office, March 11, 1932.

CLOSED CASES.

Mr. Purvis: It is my belief that we should report dispositions to the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, and they will be advised concerning this case.

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#26-4050 - Edward Coghill; Vincent DiDonati.

Mr. Clegg: This matter was reported by the Chicago Police. Sentences were imposed in the Detroit district as recorded in report from that office dated 8/18/31, and the case 8 days later concluded by report from this office. It does not appear that the Police officials have been advised concerning disposition.

Mr. Purvis: The disposition will be reported to the Chicago Police immediately, in order that their records may be complete.

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#26-4175 - Wilbur Weir with aliases.

Mr. Clegg: This matter was reported to the Chicago Office by Chicago Police. It was concluded by prosecution in the Oklahoma City District as reported 11-17-31. It does not appear that local police officers were advised concerning disposition.

Mr. Purvis: Although this was reported to this office by telephone and probably no detailed record was made at the Police Department, they no doubt did make an entry of the report of the theft by the owner. In view of this, it is my belief they should be advised of the disposition of this case, and such action will be taken.

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CLOSED CASES.

#15-193 - Amerigo Bertolini with aliases, Et AL.

Mr. Clegg: This matter was reported to the Chicago Office by Police officials of the C. M. St.P. & P. Railroad at Chicago, Illinois. The case was closed following imposition of sentences as reported on 11-2-1931. It does not appear that the Officers reporting this case were notified concerning disposition.

Mr. Purvis: Note is being made of this matter, and in the future, efforts will be made to avoid a similar error. A letter will be forwarded immediately to the officers reporting the case, advising them of the disposition.

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#26-4357 - William Frankowski with aliases.

Mr. Clegg: This matter was reported to the Chicago Office by Chicago Police. Sentence was imposed in the Detroit district, as reported from that office on 2-11-31, and the case was closed in this office 2-17-32. It does not appear that the officials referring this matter to this office were notified concerning disposition.

Mr. Purvis: A letter will be despatched immediately to the Chicago Police, advising them of the disposition of this matter, and thanking them.

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Inspection Report of  
Inspector Clegg,  
Chicago Office.

CLOSED CASES.

52 - 147 - Col. Otis B. Duncan; Capt. Clarence J. Riggs, Et Al.

Mr. Clegg: This matter was referred to an Agent of this office by officials of the Adjutant General's office for the State of Illinois. The matter was closed following imposition of sentence as shown by report from this office dated 2-13-32. It does not appear that the officers reporting this matter have been advised concerning disposition.

Mr. Purvis: A letter will be despatched at once advising reporting officials of the disposition of this case.

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26-4442 - Alex Masny.

Mr. Clegg: This matter was reported to the Chicago Office by the Automobile Division of the Secretary of State's Office in Chicago. It was concluded by imposition of sentence as reported from this office on 2/12/32. It does not appear that the officers reporting this matter to this office were advised concerning disposition.

Mr. Purvis: The officers reporting this case to the Chicago Office should have been advised, and letter will be forwarded immediately.

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CLOSED CASES.

#28-4007 - Walter L. Perry alias Louis McCoy.

Mr. Clegg: This matter was reported to the Chicago Office by the State's Attorney of DeKalb County, Illinois, and the case was concluded by sentence as reported from this office Sept. 10, 1931. It does not appear that the officials were advised concerning disposition of this case.

Mr. Purvis: It is believed that regardless of the date on which this case was disposed of, the officers reporting same should be advised, and a letter will be addressed by this office to the officials who reported the same.

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#28-4312 - Anthony Haidalovech with aliases; Dominic Fauci with aliases.

Mr. Clegg: This matter was reported to the Chicago Office by Chicago Police. Sentences were imposed as recorded in report dated 12/30/31, and the case was concluded in this office by report dated 1/13/32. It does not appear that the police officials were advised concerning disposition.

Mr. Purvis: They will be advised immediately.

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#28-4373 - Michael John Kelly with aliases.

Mr. Clegg: This matter was reported by the Auto Protective and Information Bureau at Chicago. Sentences were imposed in the Cincinnati District, as reported 1/4/32, and the case was concluded by report from the Chicago office dated 1/9/32. It does not appear that the reporting officials were advised concerning disposition.

CLOSED CASES.

#31-2023 - Charles William Strong with aliases; Marion Tietgen -  
Victim; Et Al.

Mr. Clegg: This case was reported to the Chicago Office by the Milwaukee Police Department. Case was concluded following imposition of sentence which is recorded in report from the St. Paul office dated 8-19-31. It does not appear that the Milwaukee Police were advised concerning disposition.

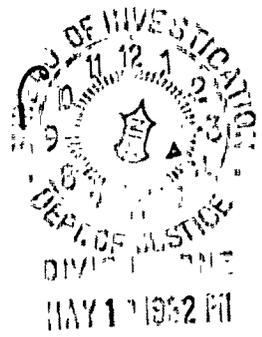
Mr. Purvis: They should have been advised, and steps will be taken immediately to furnish them this information.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

D. O. Box 1405  
Chicago, Illinois

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May 8, 1932

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 6, 1932, advising that no lessons of the Bureau's Accounting Course were returned by me from February 18, 1932 to May 4, 1932.

I am sorry for my delay in this matter and realize its importance more and more as I continue to study it. I appreciate the valuable opportunity offered by the course. A part of my delay is attributed to the fact that one point in one of the lessons required more than usual study and I was reluctant to send it in until the point was fully comprehended because I wanted an excellent grade. I have, however, sent in two lessons within the past four days and am completing another today which will be forwarded at once.

My intentions are to complete the course at the earliest possible date and I will put forth every effort to this end.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. Purvis, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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The report of Special Agent W. J. Wood, in the case of RAY CANNICK, et al, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-4096, is dated April 12, and covers the period February 22 and 23, and March 9, 11, 15, 28 and 29. It appears that there was an unusual delay between the periods of investigative activity.

The report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, April 28, in the case of AMOS SPOONER, et al, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-3883, gives the period for which made April 23, although in the body of the report various other dates are given.

The report of Special Agent J. S. Bush, April 25, entitled WALTER KALINOWSKI, et al, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-4487, covers investigations made February 29, March 22 and April 4. This appears an unusually long delay between periods of investigation, and again between the investigation and the typing of the report.

There appears to have been an unusual delay in general in typing reports, as indicated by the following:

Report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, in the case of JOHN RITTE, et al, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-4568, is dated April 22, and covers the period April 1.

Report of Special Agent B. E. Sackett in the case of JOHN JOHNSON, et al, THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT, your file 15-238, is dated April 20, and covers the period April 4.

Report of Special Agent Jay G. Newman, in the case of CHARLES LEVANT, et al, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-4316, is dated April 22, and covers the period March 27 and April 7.

Report of Special Agent J. S. Bush, entitled G. B. MALECK, et al, IMPERSONATION, your file 47-830, is dated April 25, and covers the period April 6.

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The report of Special Agent J. E. Stokes, in the case of CHARLIE JOHNSON, et al, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-4605, is dated April 19, and the period is given as April 4. This period appears to be incorrectly given.

Report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, entitled MRS. JENNIE ENGLAND, et al, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-4439, dated April 2, covers the period February 25.

Report of Special Agent W. C. Baum, entitled JOHN SIEGERS - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1065, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER, your file 76-107, is dated April 5, and covers the period March 15.

Report of Special Agent E. R. Philbrick, in the case of THEODORE FERGUSON, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-4387, is dated April 6, and covers the period March 18.

Report of Special Agent H. E. Hollis, in the case of CHESTER H. PARKER, IMPERSONATION, your file 47-869, is dated April 18 and covers the period March 25.

Report of Special Agent H. E. Hollis, in the case of GEORGE J. SOEDER, et al, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-4382, is dated April 12, and covers the period March 25 and 26.

Report of Special Agent Charles Jenkins, entitled JOHN R. BARBOUR, IMPERSONATION, your file 47-826, is dated April 16 and covers the period February 15, 22 and 23, and March 8.

Report of Special Agent J. S. Bush, in the case entitled MRS. JEAN M. WITHEY, with aliases, IMPERSONATION, your file 47-833, is dated April 14, and covers the period March 22.

Report of Special Agent H. E. Hollis, in the case of CARL FAIN ADAMS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-2445, is dated April 13, and covers the period March 25 and 26.

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May 18, 1932.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 1405,  
Chicago, Illinois.

*M. Purvis*

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the following errors observed during the review of reports:

The report of Special Agent H. B. Philbrick, in the case entitled EDWARD JEFFRIES, et al, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-4569, is dated April 5, covering the period March 29, and yet it was received in the Bureau April 16. This appears an unusual delay between the preparation and the submission of the report.

The report of Special Agent L. P. Oliver, April 9, entitled EARL WEELEY WILLIS - FUGITIVE, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-4576, does not contain references.

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The report of Special Agent J. E. Stukes, April 28, entitled FORD COUPE MOTOR #A-3346432, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-4469, could be improved, the synopsis being too descriptive. No reference is given in this report.

Your letter of April 18 to the Bureau, your file 29-297, states that Special Agent Chipman arrived in your district, where he was a necessary witness in the trial of the case entitled SETH W. RICHARDSON, Rockford National Bank - National Bank Act. The case is that of SETH F. McLAIN.

The report of Special Agent (A) C. M. Coble, April 25, in the case of O. M. KILEY, et al, NATIONAL BANK ACT, your file 29-432, does not contain a reference.

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Report of Special Agent H. E. Hollis, in the case of HENRY SCHWELER, et al, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-4971, is dated April 12, and covers the period March 24.

Report of Special Agent H. E. Hollis, entitled JOE KUPEK, et al, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-4490, is dated April 14, and the period covered is March 22, 23 and 28.

Report of Special Agent Jay C. Newman, in the case entitled JOHN KARR, MISCELLANEOUS, your file 62-1518, is dated April 13, and covers the period March 23.

Report of Special Agent H. E. Hollis, in the case of WILLIAM A. PELTIER, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-4537, is dated April 12, and covers the period March 24.

Report of Special Agent H. E. Hollis, entitled JOHN NEWTON LIVERMORE, with alias, FUGITIVE, PAROLE VIOLATOR, your file 73-256, is dated April 13, and covers the period March 25.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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March 16, 1932.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 1405,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

The following errors have been noted in reports recently emanating from your office. The Bureau instructs that such attention be given these matters as will tend to prevent a recurrence of the same in the future.

In the report of Special Agent J. W. Warnes, dated February 23, 1932, entitled THOMAS E. JARMY, Embezzlement of Government Property, your file #52-228, the status following the synopsis is shown as "pending", whereas the case is in fact closed.

The report of Special Agent John S. Bush, dated February 4, 1932, entitled MRS. JEAN M. WITNEY, alias MRS. HAZEL E. BROWN, alias GWEN E. STONE, Impersonation, your file #47-833, fails to carry the alias reflected in the details, EDNA F. BALCH.

The report of Special Agent E. W. Mackins, dated February 5, 1932, entitled STANLEY WENGER, with aliases, your file #47-832, is carried as "pending", although the case is actually closed.

The report of Special Agent R. E. Butterworth, dated February 3, 1932, entitled J. P. CORMAN, Impersonation, your file #47-847, fails to carry the alias "Commander Edgar F. Wilson", which appears in the details of the report.

In the synopsis of the report of Special Agent (A) Harold Huling, dated February 17, 1932, entitled HERMAN ELLENBOGEN, et al, Lawrence Avenue, National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, National Bank Act, your file #29-289, the date of prosecutive action is erroneously set forth as February 13, 1931.

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The report of Special Agent G. F. Light, dated February 3, 1932, entitled IRENE WALTERS; LILLIAN MOONEY, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your file #26-4450, fails to carry in the title the alias "Irene St. Lazare", as disclosed in the details.

There appears to have been an unexplained investigative delay in the report submitted by Special Agent H. E. Philbrick, dated January 29, 1932, entitled TOM RODGERS, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your file #26-4178.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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April 11, 1932.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 1405,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

A review of the reports received from your office during the past month has revealed the following described matters which should be given your careful attention.

The report of Special Agent Charles Jenkins, dated March 26th, entitled JEROME CLOAK COMPANY, INC., your file #49-350, shows the period for which made as 1/7, 24-2/12, 23/1/6/32. These dates indicate that there was a lapse of nearly three months between the date of investigative activity and the reporting of the information obtained; in fact, there was a lapse of twenty days between the last period of activity and the report. It would seem that the report in this case had been seriously delayed.

Although the report of Special Agent H. R. Philbrick, dated March 8th, entitled THEODORE FERGUSON, your file #26-4387, shows the conviction of two subjects and their sentence to the United States Penitentiary, no disposition sheets have been received in the Bureau.

The parole report of Special Agent H. R. Philbrick, dated March 14th, entitled CHARLES F. GORDON, your file #47-846, contains a description of the sentence imposed in the first paragraph on page two which is most ambiguous and difficult of interpretation. It is believed that either the actual sentence should have been set out as was set out in the report of this Agent under the same date, or else a statement should have been included to the effect that subject had been sentenced to two years in the custody of the Attorney General.

These reports were approved by Acting Special Agent in Charge Purvis. O

Very truly yours, 67-7489-196

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May 6, 1932.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 1405,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

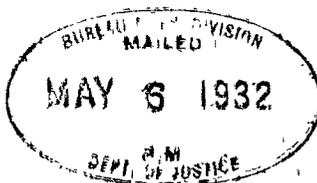
The Bureau notes that no lessons of the Bureau's accounting course were returned by you from February 18, 1932 to May 4, 1932.

The Bureau must, of course, insist that its Special Agents in Charge avail themselves of the information contained in this course, in order that they may be in a position to properly perform the duties incumbent upon them.

Will you please advise me as to your intentions in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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May 18, 1932.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Box 1405,  
Chicago, Illinois.

*Purvis*

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of May 11, in regard to the case of JACK PALEY, National Bankruptcy Act, this matter has been called to the attention of the Criminal Division. It appears to the Bureau, however, that your contact with the United States Attorney was not sufficiently close, as otherwise you would have known that the case had been transferred from one Assistant to the other, and that he had reached an adverse opinion after a review of the file.

In this connection, the Bureau notes a copy of your letter addressed to the United States Attorney, March 28, stating that Special Agent (A) Haugh was no longer in Chicago, and asking the United States Attorney to subpoena him. A subpoena is never necessary in these instances, and certainly you should not request that one be issued. All that is needed is an assurance from the United States Attorney that the presence of the Agent is necessary.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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POST OFFICE BOX 1405,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

May 21, 1932.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated  
May 18, 1932, wherein attention is invited to various  
errors in reports emanating from this office.

These matters have been carefully noted  
and every effort is being made to avoid matters of a  
similar nature.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

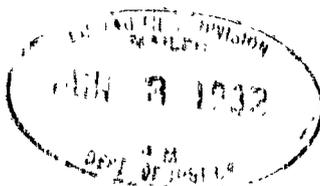
Dear Mr. Purvis:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your communication of June 1, 1932, containing suggestions for consideration with a view to possible changes in Bureau rules and policies.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for the courtesy and interest displayed by you in the matter and to state that your suggestions will receive careful study.

Very truly yours,

Director.



June 1, 1932.

Director,  
U. S. Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated May 14, 1932 requesting suggestions, I desire to submit the following for your consideration:

It is my belief that the Manuals should be made in smaller sizes. At the present time the size makes it somewhat cumbersome.

With regard to Section 91 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, I desire to suggest that the space allotted in the Name column and others, be decreased proportionately to provide an additional space wherein the file number of the case upon which the agent is engaged can be placed.

With reference to Section 56 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, I believe it would be more advisable that twenty copies of Identification Orders be retained in the file instead of five, inasmuch as frequently in an important fugitive case the supply on hand at field offices becomes exhausted.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS.

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June 24, 1932.

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

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Dear Sir:

The following apparent errors ~~have~~ been observed recently in reports from your office:

It does not appear that disposition sheets accompanied the following reports to the Bureau: Report of Special Agent W. E. Miller, dated May 9, entitled JOHN MELASKI, with aliases, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-3653; report of Special Agent J. S. Johnson, dated May 7, entitled JOHNNIE GRIFFIN MATTHEWS, et al, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-3598; and the report of Special Agent A. C. Russell, dated May 6, entitled BARRY BARNES, with alias, et al, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-3412.

Please take steps to avoid a recurrence of these errors in the future.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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July 11, 1932.

Memorandum for Personnel File.

Special Agent in Charge M. H. <sup>P</sup>PURVIS attended  
conference of Agents in Charge held in Washing-  
ton, D. C., on July 5th and 6th, 1932.

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.

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July 7, 1932.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The following list indicates lack of interest on the part of Special Agents in Charge with regard to the accounting course furnished by the Bureau, and reflects the condition on July 6, 1932. I have prepared a copy of this memorandum for the personnel file of each Special Agent in Charge, and should you desire that a further letter be sent to them the same may be indicated hereon.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Special Agent in Charge</u>	<u>Last Lesson Rec'd by Bureau</u>	<u>Date</u>
Los Angeles	E. F. Cullen	2	6-21-32
Honolulu	J. P. MacFarland	2	7-2-32
Philadelphia	R. G. Harvey	3	5-16-32
New York City	J. K. P. Dunn	4	6-17-32
San Antonio	G. T. Jones	4	6-21-32
San Francisco	W. A. Rorer	4	5-18-32
Portland	C. C. Spears	4	2-17-32
Chicago	W. A. McSwain	5	6-6-32
Oklahoma City	R. H. Galvin	6	6-21-32
Pittsburgh	F. X. Fay	6	6-21-32
St. Louis	D. M. Ladd	6	6-18-32
Jacksonville	C. D. McKean	6	6-2-32
New Orleans	Rhea Whitley	6	6-25-32
Washington	J. M. Keith	7	3-17-32
Charlotte	E. E. Conroy	8	6-29-32
St. Paul	Warner Munn	8	4-14-32
Salt Lake City	J. A. Dowd	10	7-5-32
Detroit	William Larson	10	6-27-32
Birmingham	M. H. Purvis	10	6-21-32
Kansas City	E. J. Connelley	15	<del>6-29-32</del>
Cincinnati	R. E. Vetterli	16	7-5-32
Dallas	F. J. Blake	25	7-2-32

Respectfully,

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J. S. Ryan.

U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
July 1, 1932.

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Section 35 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, the following is the status of the writer with respect to the items listed below:

- (a) Marital status: Single
- (b) Names of societies or organizations with which connected: Kappa Alpha (Southern) College Fraternity.
- (c) Legal Residence: Timmons ville, S. C.
- (d) Education: LL.B. University South Carolina - 1925.
- (e) Name, address and relationship of person to be notified in case of emergency: M. H. Purvis - father, Timmons ville, S. C. Telephone No. 29.
- (f) Offices where assignment preferred: Offices where assigned; no preference.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,  
Birmingham, Alabama.  
July 13, 1932.

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that my present address is:

1845 - 16th Avenue South,  
Apartment 2, Building 4,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
Telephone - 3-8875.

Very truly yours,

M.H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 24, 1932.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I arrived at the Birmingham office at about 1:00 P. M. June 20, 1932. While there I examined certain applicants, concerning which separate reports are being made.

I am of the opinion that the Birmingham office is being efficiently administered. I was particularly impressed with the rapid, snappy way in which Purvis handled his correspondence and reviewed his reports. I believe that the trouble with many of our offices is that our Agents in Charge are somewhat foggy mentally, or at any rate they function slowly along mental lines. For this reason the detail piles up on them, they make heavy work of it and are thereby immersed in a mass of details which they should be able to handle with little mental effort and devote the major part of their time to more important administrative matters, as well as the making of contacts. I was particularly impressed with the apparent lack of administrative ability of the former Agent in Charge at Birmingham, Mr. Larson. As has been reported to you he apparently sent men all around his district with apparently no regard for either efficiency or economy. A man would jump from one point in the district to another and would be followed by another Agent. So far as any system was concerned, it seemed to be the plan to work certain Agents in a species of circular travel in the district. This may be exaggerated a little, but not very much. It is my impression that Mr. Larson was entirely beyond his depth in the administration by him of the Birmingham office.

I found that Mr. Buchanan had been, for all of the tenure of Agent in Charge Larson at Birmingham as well as the time Mr. Purvis had been there, performing the duties of an Assistant Agent in Charge rather than a Number One Man. In other words, rough draft reports received from the field were routed to Mr. Buchanan's desk, which is next to that of the Agent in Charge. Buchanan reviews these reports, makes the corrections which are required, deletes any unnecessary matters, adds thereto any matters which he thinks should be added and these rough draft reports are then sent to the stenographic staff for transcription. They then go to the Agent in Charge - at least they do now.

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Memo to Director.

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I asked Mr. Purvis what steps he had taken to ascertain any derelictions of errors or omission or commission in the submission of these reports and he said that previously there had been none apparently, but that he had recently instructed Mr. Buchanan to make any changes in blue ink so that when the final reports, together with the rough draft reports, reach his desk he could see by the blue ink notations the changes and the nature of the errors made by the Agents. I then inquired what further use was made of this and generally speaking found that there was no record made. Of course, Purvis took up with the individual Agents any derelictions along these lines.

It occurred to me, first, that I could recall no authorization on the part of the Bureau for the assignment of an Assistant Agent in Charge at Birmingham; second, even though the Bureau might have authorized this at some time past there would certainly seem to be no specific reason for it. If an Assistant Agent in Charge is needed at Birmingham, an Assistant Agent in Charge is needed at many Bureau offices elsewhere. I told Mr. Purvis, however, with when I discussed this matter, to take no steps to change the situation until he had entirely re-adjusted the cases, assignments, and other matters necessary, which procedure was made necessary by the failure of Mr. Larson to function properly. In other words, I told him to get the office running completely and to make the adjustments made before any changes are effected along these lines. However, when this has been accomplished, I certainly feel that Mr. Buchanan should be assigned to investigative work. I believe he should be kept in Birmingham and vicinity on investigative matters so that when Mr. Purvis leaves on contact trips he will be immediately available. I do not think, however, he should continue to function as Assistant Agent in Charge.

I furthermore noted that apparently the recent drive of the Bureau to counter-act the tendency on the part of certain Agents in Charge to write manifestly unnecessary memoranda rather than handle matters personally has resulted in what I believe to be a tendency in the other direction, that is, so far as I could discern at Birmingham. I believe that insufficient records are being kept in field offices of the work of the Bureau's field Agents. From information gathered there, as well as from information received elsewhere, I believe it may safely be assumed that one report in five submitted by an Agent, either in rough draft form or dictated, is returned for correction. Incidentally, these were the figures that I had previously secured from New York. Of these 20% of reports I am told, and I believe it to be correct, that about half represent failures to comply with specific Manual instructions, such as the inclusion of descriptions, the procurement of original data, and the like, and one-half represent investigative delinquencies either of omission, for the greater part, or of commission. I realize that

Memo to Director.

6/24/32.

Agents in Charge submit personnel reports thirty days after an Agent reaches an office, thirty days after a new Agent in Charge arrives at an office, and upon the leaving of an office by an Agent in Charge. The Agent in Charge also, of course, submits regular semi-annual efficiency reports. It should be noted, however, that these really indicate the opinion of the Special Agent in Charge of the Agents under his jurisdiction, although in some cases they are supported by references to specific instances bearing out said opinions. It is not my intention, of course, to in any way minimize the transcendent value of these reports. I believe, however, that we are missing something in our desire to avoid useless memoranda. I am firmly convinced that the previous memoranda tendencies on the part of certain Special Agents in Charge were undesirable but I believe that this could and should be systematized. My idea is that there be applied to the field a similar policy as exists at present in the Bureau. At any rate I believe that a memorandum should be addressed to each field employee monthly by each field office, setting forth the errors of omission or commission committed by said employee in the preparation of reports or in other matters during that month. A copy of this memorandum, of course, should be sent to the Bureau, said Bureau copy to be placed in the personnel file of the employee here, and, of course, a copy will appear in the employee's personnel file in the field. I know the arguments against this. It will be stated that this will unduly discourage an employee who has performed otherwise meritorious work and who would be advised of certain clerical errors. I do not believe that this argument is worthy of too much consideration. I see nothing unjust or discouraging in an employee receiving a monthly record of this kind. It should be noted that the Bureau sends monthly to each field office what is called an error letter covering this information. These are deleted in the Bureau before sending, certain minor inconsequential errors, such as typographical mistakes and the like. These might be deleted from these field office letters which I am recommending minor, unimportant derelictions. However, I would be loath to afford too much leeway to Agents in Charge along these lines. With this plan, there would always be current in every personnel file practically a complete history of the employees' performances in all field offices. It would appear that this history would be of considerable value to Agents in Charge assuming the duties of a new office, and to the Bureau for reviewing purposes when necessary. I do not think the work involved will be very considerable. There will be no need for any specific Manual requirement I do not believe, at least for the present. The data for these reports should not be kept in any tremendously complete or complicated manner. If I were an Agent in Charge I would make pencil notes or keep copies of undesirable reports in one folder until the end of the month. Upon writing the letter I would destroy the basic data.

The staff at Birmingham is average. I discerned no particular outstanding ability upon the part of any of the Agents. Hanson appears to

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me to look best of the younger Agents. Many of them, of course, I did not see. Greut appears good, but I do not believe he is brilliant. Harrigan I do not believe is particularly outstanding. Murphy seems to be the bright youngster, but has no possibilities of executive development.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,  
Birmingham, Alabama.  
July 23, 1932.

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

My present address is as follows:

Apartment No. 3,  
1843 - 16th Avenue South,  
Birmingham, Alabama.  
Telephone - 3-5575.

The only change to be noted is that I have  
moved from Apartment No. 2 to Apartment No. 3.

Very truly yours,

M.H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Place Birmingham, Ala.

Date August 13, 1932.

Name M. H. PURVIS

Title Special Agent in Charge.

Languages: None

Degree of Proficiency:

Vocations: Have adjusted losses for fire insurance companies on automobiles, including thefts, and also on small houses. Have general knowledge of adjustment work in connection with fire and theft insurance.

Avocations: Have thorough knowledge of horses. Other than that, nothing except general sports, and not very proficient at any.

Miscellaneous special qualifications: Know general routine of department stores.

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August 19, 1932.

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires to invite your attention to your failure to sign the vocation and avocation sheets of the Special Agents attached to the Birmingham Office which were forwarded to the Bureau by you by cover letter dated August 13, 1932.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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August 30, 1932.

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Mr. M. H. Furvis,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

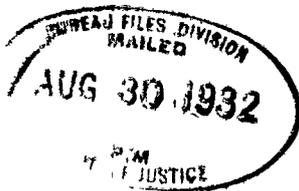
Dear Mr. Furvis:

The Bureau is in receipt of your communication of August 18, 1932, suggesting that a course in the classifying of prints, similar to the course being given in accounting, be afforded the employees of the Bureau.

The Bureau desires to express its appreciation for this suggestion and to state that same will be given thorough study.

Very truly yours,

Director.



U. S. Department of Justice  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

201 Liberty National Life Bldg.  
Birmingham, Alabama.  
August 18, 1932.

PERSONAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have during the recent past thought many times of the advantage that all employees would gain by a thorough knowledge of fingerprints, particularly with regard to the classification of same. In many instances in discussing fingerprints with various officers over the country, a knowledge of classifying would be, in my opinion, extremely beneficial.

I have thought that it might possibly be feasible to give a course in the classifying of prints similar to the course being given in accounting.

I would be very glad if you would advise me as to what you think about this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ M. H. Purvis

M. H. Purvis  
Special Agent in Charge.

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September 14, 1932.

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

*Purvis*

Dear Sir:

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A review of the reports received from your office for the past month has disclosed the following noted matters which should be given your attention.

The report of Special Agent J. M. Towler dated at Birmingham, Alabama, August 8, 1932, in the case entitled WILL BORD, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your file #26-3786, reflects that although Agent Towler, while conducting investigation at Chattanooga, Tennessee, ascertained that the car involved was in the Chattanooga Garage, no attempt was made to inspect this car.

In connection with the parole reports submitted by Special Agent L. A. Kindell dated at Birmingham, Alabama, August 10, 1932, in the case entitled JEWELL KING; BISSELL POLK, alias James Polk, Theft from Interstate Shipment, your file #15-193, it is noted that no attempt was made to obtain criminal records of subjects prior to closing the case and submitting such parole reports.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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September 20, 1932.

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled L. B. ELLIS, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Birmingham file #26-3612.

From a review of the file in this case, it appears that all evidence secured to date tends to indicate that subject stole the automobile involved at Akron, Ohio, and transported the same to Bryson City, North Carolina, where, after setting fire to the upholstery, he abandoned the car. The report of Special Agent J. S. Johnson dated at Birmingham May 18, 1932, reflects that inquiry was made of Will Ellis, father of subject, at Hiwassee, Georgia, which resulted in the information that subject was living at that time at the home of his father but was away at the time of Agent's call. Inquiry was again made of subject's father on June 10, 1932, as reflected in the report of Special Agent J. S. Johnson dated at Birmingham June 15, 1932. This report indicates that subject was herding cattle near Hiwassee, Georgia, and was not available for an interview. The report of Special Agent C. O. Pickard dated at Birmingham August 31, 1932, states that a letter had been addressed to Will Ellis, father of subject, by the Birmingham office requesting that arrangements be made to have subject available for an interview when an agent of that office would next be at Hiwassee, Georgia. This report further states that subject left Hiwassee about two weeks previous to Agent's visit, and his present whereabouts is unknown. The file indicates further that investigation in this case was being held in abeyance by the Detroit and Charlotte offices awaiting interview with the subject.

The Bureau feels that the procedure followed by the Birmingham office in an effort to effect an interview with subject reflects very poor judgment. The Bureau also feels that in view of the fact that the Charlotte office was delaying presentation of this case to the United States Attorney at Asheville, North Carolina, awaiting the result of the interview with the subject by the Birmingham office, this case should have been handled more expeditiously.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc Charlotte  
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October 17, 1932.

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

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Dear Sir:

A review of the reports received from your office during the past month has disclosed the following noted matters which should be given your prompt attention:

The report of Special Agent L. A. Kindell, dated September 13, entitled **DR. JOSEPH F. JACKSON**, your file #47-516, contains only the criminal record received from the Bureau. It is desired that such information received from the Bureau be incorporated in the next investigative report subsequent to the receipt of the information.

The report of Special Agent Louis DeHette, dated September 13, entitled **LEON RICHARD BOND**, your file #26-3840, gives the incorrect motor number in the synopsis.

The report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated September 10, entitled **ROBERT L. CARROLL**, your file #26-3702, shows a typing delay of forty-four days, which is considered inexcusable.

The Bureau has noted a growing practice on the part of all Special Agents to denote their title as Special Agent, U. S. Bureau of Investigation. The Bureau believes it preferable in all cases to write the words United States in full in each instance.

Very truly yours,

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October 18, 1932.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

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Dear Sir:

A review of the Bureau's records indicates that you have not made prompt returns of the Bureau's accounting course. The rule at the present time is that an accounting lesson must be submitted within a three-week period by all employees of the Bureau who have subscribed for the course.

It has now been determined that after the receipt of this letter, if you do not submit all lessons within the allotted time, your name will be dropped from the accounting course roll, and no further lessons will be forwarded to you.

It is hoped, however, that it will not be necessary to take such steps, as it is believed that the accounting course is of great benefit to all employees of this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.

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October 19, 1932.

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

*Purvis*

Dear Sir:

The Bureau rules provide that efficiency ratings shall be submitted to the Bureau on March 31 and September 30 of each year.

The Bureau notes that the receipt of the recent ratings from your office indicates that this proviso of the Bureau's Manual has been ignored by you.

Will you please advise me as to the reason therefor?

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Department of Justice

201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
October 21, 1932.

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated October 19, 1932, concerning the efficiency ratings submitted by this office as of September 30, 1932, and requesting information as to the reason for the delay in submitting same, please be advised that the matter of these efficiency ratings was given my consideration several days before the date on which they were due. However, due to several interruptions and to the fact that it was necessary to give my attention to an important matter involving an accounting case here at that time, they were not completed on the date when they should have been.

I regret this delay and assure you that every effort will be made to avoid a similar one in the future.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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October 22, 1932.

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

*Purvis*

Dear Sir:-

Your attention is invited to Bureau letter addressed to you under date of January 16, 1932 requesting that the Bureau be furnished with the addresses of all employees attached to your office on April 1, 1932 and quarterly thereafter, said list in each instance to include the address of the employee's next of kin. To date this information has not been received at the Bureau and you are requested to forward same immediately together with an explanation for your delinquency in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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October 29, 1932.

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Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated October 18, 1932, requesting any suggestions which might appear of interest or value concerning the Bureau's work, the following are made:

(1) I have noted much correspondence relative to the changing of offices of origin, and while I realize that some confusion might obtain as a result of any set rule relative to the changing of the offices of origin in all cases, I do believe that in some instances they should be, if they are to be changed at all, automatically changed.

For instance, the office of origin may interview the owner of a stolen car and thereafter have no further action to take on the case. In a great many cases of this type it is quite obvious that no further investigative activity is required. I would suggest that the office of origin, upon the interviewing of the owner in cases where the origin and prosecution are not the same, be automatically changed.

(2) In many instances I have noted the varied type of paper and form used by special agents in the taking of signed statements. Efforts have been made to have them correctly taken at all times. Although I realize that forms for a matter of this nature should not be used, I do believe that more correctness would follow if some prescribed size of paper and preliminary paragraph could be used.

(3) It is suggested that the cards containing the sources of information which are maintained by the various field offices at the present time be checked about once each year by the agent working in each section, to determine whether the source of information maintained is still there, and whether the source is in status quo. It is believed that by this process useless cards containing such sources will be eliminated, and will increase the value of it.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 16, 1932.

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

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Dear Sir:

In order to insure proper interpretation of the Bureau's Manuals and to afford a basis for instruction of employees by Special Agents in Charge, the Bureau submits the following observations made of recently received reports, for your information:

Report of Special Agent E. G. Peterson, dated October 7, 1932, entitled ABNER HOLLAND, ET AL, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-3849, shows that the title of the case is changed, but all the aliases of one of the subjects were not set forth in accordance with requirements.

Report of Special Agent J. S. Johnson, dated October 24, 1932, entitled CLAYTON H. KOUP, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-3920, records the name of Harry Barkin as a witness to a statement, although the witness's address is not shown.

The Bureau is desirous of having the correct title of the Bureau set forth in full following the name and title of the employee, as apparently was not done in the report of Special Agent James G. Findlay, dated October 27, 1932, re ALTON McCURRY, with aliases, et al, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-3909, approved by Mr. Harbo.

The reference was omitted from the report of Special Agent W. E. Miller, dated October 15, 1932, re JAMES WILLINGHAM, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-3906.

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Report of Special Agent R. E. Peterson, dated October 11, 1932, entitled CARL McGUIRE, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-3426, indicated no copies for the Detroit Office, to which undeveloped leads were submitted in the immediately preceding report.

Report of Special Agent J. M. Towler, dated October 8, 1932, entitled BRANT MAYNARD, ET AL, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 26-3542, discloses no source for the information recorded.

Report of Special Agent J. R. Burdge, dated October 13, 1932, refers to a report from your office dated September 28, 1932, in the case entitled JAMES THOMAS OSBORN, VETERANS BUREAU MATTER, your file 17-143, although the only previous report appears to be dated August 10, 1932.

References in reports, of course, should be predicated on data available at least at the Bureau, although a copy of the reference memorandum shown in the report of Special Agent J. R. Burdge, dated October 21, 1932, re HENRY HOLLIDAY, alias "Head and Eyes", THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT, your file 15-183, apparently was not furnished the Bureau.

Report of Special Agent W. E. Miller, dated October 21, 1932, re JODIC C. GLISSON, ET AL, PERJURY - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, your file 74-59, is inconsistent as to its synopsis and details in that the former indicates a consecutive sentence, and the latter a concurrent sentence.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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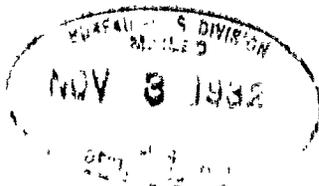
Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I have received your letter dated October 29, 1932, in which you submit suggestions for consideration with a view to the improvement of the work of the Bureau. Please be assured that I am appreciative of the interest in your work which prompted you to address the Bureau in this regard. Your suggestions will receive the Bureau's careful study.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



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Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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December 2, 1932.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with a number of reports reviewed covering work at the Chicago office I have deemed it advisable to instruct Agent in Charge Purvis to be here Monday morning in order that I might go over the situation with him.

Very truly yours,

*H. Nathan*  
H. Nathan.

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(Excerpt from letter dated 10-29-32 from Birmingham)  
(giving names, addresses and next of kin of employees)

✓ M. H. PURVIS, S. A. C.

1843 16th Avenue S.  
Birmingham, Ala. Phone 3-5575  
Father - M. H. Purvis,  
Timmonsville, S.C. - Phone 38

H. A. BLONQUIST, Sp. Agt. (A)

2020 11th Avenue S.  
Birmingham, Ala. Phone 4-4201  
Wife - Gertrude B. Blomquist  
Same address.

J. R. Burdge, Sp. Agt.

2020 11th Avenue So.  
Birmingham, Ala. Phone 4-4201  
Father - J. M. Burdge,  
General Delivery  
Green Valley, Ill.

C. L. CUTTINO, Sp. Agt.

1140 Peachtree St., N.E.  
Atlanta, Ga. Phone Hemlock 6857  
Mother - Mrs. C. L. Cuttino,  
207 Broad Street,  
Sumter, S. C.

LOUIS DENETTE, Sp. Agt.

Kenilworth Arms Apts.  
2124 Highland, Ave.,  
Birmingham, Ala. Phone 4-1960  
Wife - Mrs. L. DeNette,  
Same address.

J. G. Findley, Sp. Agt.

376 Orange Street,  
Macon, Ga. Phone 2817-J.  
Wife - Mrs. J. G. Findley,  
Same address.

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December 16, 1932.

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Mr. M.H. Purvis,  
Post Office Box 1405,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

There is transmitted herewith copy of the Annual Report of the Attorney General which reflects therein the accomplishments of this Bureau on Pages 104 to 108, inclusive.

I feel that the results shown in this report are such that you and all the Special Agents attached to your office may well feel a sense of gratification and pride at having contributed thereto. I desire to convey my thanks to you and all of the employees of the Bureau at the Chicago office for the loyal, self-sacrificing and efficient work performed by them during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1932, as reflected in the Annual Report in question.

Cordially yours,

Director.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

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January 30, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

After a review of cases which he has handled, it is my opinion that the name of Special Agent M. H. Purvis should be placed among those considered qualified to perform bankruptcy investigations.

Respectfully,



C. A. Appel.

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January 27, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Post Office Box 1405,  
Chicago, Illinois.

*Handwritten signature/initials*

Dear Sir:

In order to insure a proper interpretation of the Bureau's rules and regulations, and in order to afford a basis for instruction of employees by Special Agents in Charge, the following observations made of recently received reports are set forth for your information:

The report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, dated December 5, 1932, in the case entitled HENNING TILLMAN CARLSON, with alias, et al, Theft From Interstate Shipment, your file #15-286, omits the alias "Hank Carlson" without marking the title "changed". This report was approved by Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith.

The report of Special Agent J. H. McDonald, dated December 27, 1932, in the case entitled ROBERT DEAN, with aliases, Fugitive; JOHN WISONG, Fugitive, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your file #26-4761, fails to carry Subject Robert Dean as a fugitive in its title. This same error is apparent in the summary report of Special Agent H. L. Scott in this case, dated December 30, 1932. The report of Special Agent H. L. Scott was approved by Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith.

The report of Special Agent J. F. Brechensee, dated December 12, 1932, in the case entitled MILTON B. FOLEY, with aliases, Fugitive; C. A. FORRESTER, with aliases, Fugitive, et al, Impersonation, your file #47-952, carries Subject Forrester in its title as "C. W. Forrester", without marking the title "changed", whereas the file indicates that his name is "C. A. Forrester". This report was approved by Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith.

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The report of Special Agent Charles Jenkins, dated December 16, 1932, in the case entitled WILLIAM GORDON, with aliases, Fugitive, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your file #26-4766, carries Subject Gordon's name in the title as "James Gordon", whereas the Kansas City letter of reference and the file indicate that his name is "William Gordon". The report of Special Agent A. D. Mahagan in the same case, dated December 10, 1932, makes this same error. The report of Special Agent Mahagan was approved by Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith.

Whenever the title of a case is changed, the true name and all the aliases of each subject should be included in the title of that particular report. This was not done in the report of Special Agent J. E. Brochmeyer, dated December 22, 1932, entitled JOHN WILLIAM CLARK, aliases: John Clark, Bernie Clark, John Safford, "Spider", John Day; HARRISON BELLOWY; ANDREW TALLI TACKETT; AGNES DANSON, Victim, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; White Slave Traffic Act, your file #26-5018. In addition, the name of Victim Agnes Danson was omitted from the title, and the character of the case failed to include "White Slave Traffic Act". This report was approved by Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith.

The report of Special Agent J. F. Brochmeyer, dated December 7, 1932, in the case entitled PETER BARON; JOHN MAGIERA, Fugitive; JOSEPH MAGIERA, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your file #26-4936, fails to carry Subject John Magiera as a fugitive in its title. This report was approved by Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith.

The report of Special Agent H. L. Scott, dated December 12, 1932, in the case entitled J. MALACOWSKI, with aliases, et al, Copyrights, your file #26-28, indicates that Subject Malacowski had the alias Theodore H. Malacowky. The title of this report should have been marked "changed" and this alias added.

Each of the parole reports submitted by Special Agent Felix O. Cox on VINCENT MISKIEL and JOHN KULBACKI, alias JOHN PETER KULBACKI, dated December 19, 1932, in the case entitled VINCENT MISKIEL, et al, Theft From Interstate Shipment, your file #15-290, states that complaint was filed against Subject Miskiel and Subject Kulbacki on November 4, 1932, whereas the file indicates that

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such complaint was filed November 7, 1932. The complete title of the case should also have been included in each of these parole reports. Both of these reports were approved by Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith.

Very truly yours,

Director.

WHL:EF

December 19, 1932.

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Post Office Box 1405,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In order to insure a proper interpretation of the Bureau's rules and regulations, and in order to afford a basis for instruction of employees by Special Agents in Charge, the following observations made of recently received reports are set forth for your information:

The parole report of Special Agent J. F. Brechensor, dated November 5, 1932, entitled JOE SORCE NO. 1, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your file #26-4858, omits the date of conviction of subject Joe Sorce No. 1.

The report of Special Agent J. D. Swenson, dated November 28, 1932, entitled KENNETH DAVID UMBENHOWAR, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your file #26-4987, incorrectly carries subject Umbenhowar as a fugitive in its Title.

The parole report of Special Agent A. D. Mehegan, dated November 18, 1932, entitled LAWRENCE M. NIELSEN, Theft from Interstate Shipment, your file #15-250, omits from its Title the alias Martin India of subject Matthew India, and the alias Ole Johnson of subject William Johnson, and in addition, omits the name of subject Joseph Waresel alias Polack Joe, altogether.

When the Title of a report is changed, the name and aliases of every subject should be included in such changed Title. This was not done in the report of Special Agent C. W. Fisher, dated November 3, 1932, entitled LEROY CRITES, with aliases, Fugitive, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your file #26-4961.

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The report of Special Agent Karl Van Wagoner, dated November 21, 1932, in the case entitled FRED J. STEVENS, Fugitive, Escaped Federal Prisoner, your file #76-52, fails to classify the subject as a fugitive in its title.

The summary report of Special Agent R. T. Anis, dated November 29, 1932, entitled HERBERT LEE MUSELMAN, with aliases, Fugitive; FRANK SAMPSON, with aliases, Fugitive, et al, Theft from Interstate Shipment, your file #15-233, fails to set out the source of the criminal records contained therein.

The report of Special Agent Charles Jenkins, dated November 29, 1932, entitled THOMAS WATERS, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your file #26-4706, shows Chicago as the office of origin, whereas the file shows Philadelphia to be the correct office of origin.

The report of Special Agent Charles Jenkins, dated November 29, 1932, entitled GRANT CREEK BRIDGE, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, Destruction of Government Property, your file #62-1570, reflects that there was a twenty-day delay in typing. In addition, the Period for Which Made is incorrectly stated, in view of the fact that the body of the report states that the case was closed by a letter from the United States Attorney, dated November 21, 1932. This report was signed by Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith.

The report of Special Agent Charles Smith dated November 2, 1932, entitled JAMES SORENSON, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your file #26-4593 reflects that there was a twenty-day delay in typing.

The report of Special Agent Charles Jenkins, dated November 2, 1932, entitled CHARLES GLENN WILKINS, Fugitive, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your file #26-4149, reflects that there was a twenty-six day delay in typing, and an unwarranted delay in the investigation, itself.

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The report of Special Agent Felix G. Cox, dated November 11, 1932, entitled JESSE RICHARD, et al, Theft from Interstate Shipment, your file #15-284, contains a statement of William Harris which fails to reflect to whom the statement was made. In addition, the Special Agent designates himself as "S.A. U.S. Bureau of Investigation", whereas the proper designation is "Special Agent, United States Bureau of Investigation". This report was approved by Acting Special Agent in Charge D. G. Smith.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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February 7, 1933.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Post Office Box 1405,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

Reference is made to your letter of January 31, 1933, inclosing a copy of the address delivered by you at the Mid-West Conference of Police Problems and Methods at Northwestern University on February 2, 1933, and I wish to congratulate you upon both the form and content of this article. I feel sure that it proved of interest to all members of the conference.

Relative to the second paragraph in your letter, I think it is a good idea to furnish Mr. John J. Stupka, Managing Editor of the Fraternal Order of Police Journal, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with a copy of the address to be published in that magazine. You should forward a photograph of yourself to be used with the publication of your address. It is suggested that in the article submitted to Mr. Stupka the word "lead", which appears with considerable frequency, should in some instances be changed to "clue" since the former term is peculiar to the Bureau. In the future it is suggested that three copies of all addresses and articles should be sent to the Bureau.

I greatly appreciate the interest you are taking in this phase of the Bureau's work.

Sincerely yours,

See 62-28153-1



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# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

July 1, 1933.

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Section 35 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, the following information is submitted:

- III (a) <sup>single</sup> Married. *see serial 222 Hpl 7/25/33*
- (b) Kappa Alpha (Southern) College Fraternity.  
International Association of Chiefs of Police.  
Oklahoma Sheriffs' and Peace Officers' Association.  
Tennessee and Mississippi Sheriffs' and Peace Officers' Association.
- (c) Timmonsville, South Carolina.
- (d) LL. B. Degree, University of South Carolina; 1925.  
Member of the Bar, State of South Carolina; admitted 1925.
- (e) M. H. Purvis, father, telephone 38; Timmonsville, South Carolina.
- (f) No preference.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*  
M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Mr. Nathan*

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓

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*7/11*

1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
July 18, 1933

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

My attention has been called to my letter  
to you dated July 1, 1933, specifically to Section "A"  
thereon indicating my personal status at that time.

I regret to inform you that an error was  
made, and that I did not get married.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Ha! Ha!*

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Excerpt from letter from SAC Purvis, Chicago dated April 1,  
1933 in re addresses, TEL. Nos. and next of kin of employees.

Name	Address	Tel No.	Next of kin.
Hehogan, A. D.	5962 Sheridan Road Chicago, Ill.	Hollycourt 0154	Mrs. A. D. Hehogan, wife same address and tel. no.
Hetsalfe, J. J.	36 East 102nd. Place Chicago, Ill.	Pullman 5596	Mrs. J. J. Hetsalfe, wife same address and tel. no.
Mullen, T. F.	7943 Langley Ave., Chicago, Ill.	Triangle 7815	Mrs. T. F. Mullen, wife same address and tel. no.
McDonald, J. R.	Lawson N.H.C.A. 30 West Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill.	Whitehall 6211	Hugh McDonald, father 816 - 4th St., N.W. Wash., D. C.
Murphy, W. S.	3333 Wash. Blvd. Chicago, Ill.	Nevada 2966	Mrs. L. W. Murphy, mother 720 East 5th St., Galena, Kansas Phone 239
Newman, Jay C.	4700 Malden St., Chicago, Ill.	Edgewater 8724	Mrs. Geneva J. Newman, wife same address and tel. no.
Notestein, Edw. N.	6330 Winthrop, Chicago, Ill.	Briargate 1400	Mrs. E. N. Notestein, wife same address and tel. no.
Purvis, H. H.	11 E. Scott St., Chicago, Ill.	Superior 3719	H. H. Purvis, father 214 Main St., Timmonsville, S.C.
Scott, H. L.	4278 Masol Ave., Chicago, Ill.	Bittersweet 8300	Mrs. Agnes H. Scott same address and tel. no.
Seykora, J. E.	901 Sunnyside Ave., Chicago, Ill.	Edgewater 4121	Mrs. J. E. Seykora, wife same address and tel. no.

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MHC:LC

March 20, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Post Office Box 1405,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In order to insure a proper interpretation of the Bureau's rules and regulations, and in order to afford a basis for instruction of employees by Special Agents in Charge, the following observations made of recently received reports are set forth for your information:

The report of Special Agent W. C. Baum, dated February 23, 1933, re BERT BRADSHAW with aliases, Copyright Matter, omits the indication that the name of Ernest Adler was dropped from the title of the report.

The copy of the letter addressed by your office on February 28, 1933, to Assistant United States Attorney Prager of Detroit, Michigan, fails to indicate the title of the case on the copy which was furnished the Bureau.

The report of Special Agent J. E. Seykora, dated March 3, 1933, re JOHN J. GALLAGHER, FUGITIVE, Defrauding in District of Columbia, fails to include the dates of the period for which the report was made. This report was approved by Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith.

The report of Special Agent W. J. Devereux, dated February 27, 1933, re C. J. McBETH, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, incorrectly indicates the case as closed instead of referred upon completion to the office of origin.

The report of Special Agent R. T. Amis, dated February 15, 1933, re PAUL RENE LEVANS, JR., with aliases, et al, Theft from Interstate Shipment, includes a changed spelling of the name of Robert Steele without an indication that the title was changed. The reference in the same report fails to indicate the date of the report to which reference is made.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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AMC:LS

February 24, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Post Office Box 1405,  
Chicago, Illinois.

TURVINS

Dear Sir:

In order to insure a proper interpretation of the Bureau's rules and regulations, and in order to afford a basis for instruction of employees by Special Agents in Charge, the following observations made of recently received reports are set forth for your information:

The report of Special Agent D. G. Colladay, dated February 4, 1933, entitled HARRY JACKSON alias "Crooked Hook Jackson" alias Harry Nelson, Copyrights, your file #38-24, apparently includes a new alias for the Subject, although the title of the report does not indicate it as "changed". This report was approved by Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith.

The status of the accounting report of Special Agent H. A. Fennell, dated January 26, 1933, entitled CHARLES L. SURPRISE, et al, National Bankruptcy Act, your file #49-371, was omitted from the report.

It is desired that the full correct name of this Bureau as "United States Bureau of Investigation" be set forth in signed statements, both in the body of the report as well as following names of Special Agents signed as witnesses to a statement. This was not done in the report of Special Agent J. F. Brechener, dated January 25, 1933, entitled VICTOR G. KOZLOWSKI, et al, Theft, Embezzlement and Illegal Possession of Government Property, your file #52-257, which was approved by Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith.

The summary report of H. L. Scott, dated January 25, 1933, entitled LYNN WILLIAM WARNER, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, your file #26-4732, records that Subject Warner was initially arrested at New Lenox, Illinois, while the initial report submitted in this matter indicates his arrest at Joliet, Illinois. The date of indictment recorded on page two is "November the 5th, 1932", which apparently is incorrect as the report of Special Agent H. L. Scott, dated November 1, 1932, records "October 5, 1932" as the date of indictment.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

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July 26, 1933.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I desire to express to you and to each and every member of the Chicago office my keen appreciation of the splendidly efficient work performed by all of the members of the Chicago office in the investigation of the Hamm and Factor kidnaping cases.

I want you to know that I consider this a splendid piece of work, which was consummated only by the untiring and resourceful efforts of the entire Chicago staff. I feel that this work is a credit not only to the Chicago office, but to the entire Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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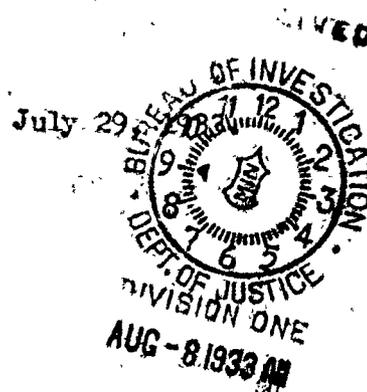
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AUG 8 - 1933

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.



Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Joseph B. Keenan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, by E. P. Cunningham, Post Office Box 1803, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dated July 26, the letter being in very critical terms of the activities of the Bureau's Agents and of the investigation of the Jake Factor and William Hamm kidnaping cases.

It is desired that you immediately submit a full statement and an explanation of the matters referred to by Mr. Cunningham.

The newspaper clippings to which Mr. Cunningham refers are not enclosed. However, they consist of numerous clippings, mostly from the Chicago papers and one clipping from the Milwaukee Sentinel, dated July 25, containing an editorial entitled "Righting an Error".

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 320655.

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Milwaukee, Wis., July 26, 1933.

Mr. Joseph B. Keenan,  
Assistant Attorney General,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Sir:

AUG 8 - 1933

In the press reports you are quoted by Attorney General Mr. Cummings to direct a campaign against racketeering. I am taking the liberty of writing you and enclose newspaper clippings in the so-called Touhy gang kidnappings, of Jack Factor of Chicago and Mr. Wa. Hamm of St. Paul.

The first of kidnappings that you will read of in the enclosed clippings is the Government Agent, Mr. Purvis, who took these men from the sheriff's custody of Walworth County to Chicago without a Commissioner's warrant. In the slang of the underworld, your agent and the Chicago Police hijacked the prisoner. In the first place these men were the prisoners of the Sheriff, held under a state warrant for having fire arms in their possession. These men were safe in Walworth County jail until the time of their trial and no doubt would have received a sentence of 340 days as prescribed by law upon their newspaper reputation as being gangsters. But at any rate, these men were taken to Chicago as the kidnapers of Jack Factor.

The Chicago end of it failed completely and Mr. Touhy and his associates were brought back to Elkhorn and Milwaukee and charged with the kidnapping of Mr. Hamm of St. Paul. You will note that the Government's agent's statements and that of Mr. Hamm contradict one another. At any rate, the wide publicity and the many statements made by the Government agent to the press, hasn't helped the Hamm case any. First of all, Mr. Touhy or his associates does not answer the description of the Hamm kidnapers or at least, the only two persons whom Mr. Hamm did see were the ones who grabbed him on the street and hustled him into the car and drove away.

Police records at St. Paul, which were broadcast throughout the country will reveal that the two men who kidnapped Mr. Hamm were six feet tall weighing over 200 lbs. Now that is a matter of record and that is the type of men that the police throughout the country are looking for. I merely mention these facts to you to enlighten you as to what you may expect from the inexperienced operators in the Department of Justice. What I mean by

Mr. Keenan

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"inexperienced operators" is men who are capable of solving major crimes, men who know the moving population of criminals, their methods of operation, their habits and their haunts. Experienced thief catchers don't try their cases in the newspapers and you will find the successful detectives throughout the United States are men who are well trained and well versed in the criminal world. These men, or at least a great number of them, can hardly read and write and for that reason they are seldom employed by the Government because they would not take the Civil Service examination nor operate a typewriter but these men go out and get the criminals and present their case to the court in such a manner as would be a credit to a college graduate.

My 35 years of experience as an investigator during which I have contacted with the Government agents, the only real detective service that I have seen rendered by any of the Government agents is the post office inspectors who handle the mail robbery cases.

If you happen into Milwaukee or into Chicago, I would be glad to meet you and give you some of my experience and knowledge about the operation of the criminals and particularly the alibi lawyers and the fixed judges and why they now exist. That is going to be one of your big problems.

If Mr. Cummings or our good President intend to operate a Scotland Yard, for God's sake, whatever you do, employ real experienced detectives, men who know the criminal world and who can go out and solve crimes. Why, this Touhy affair is a laughing stock for the underworld. All it does is make fodder for them and hampers the Government in selecting a competent jury. As a lawyer you know very well that it is hard to get out of the minds of the jurors what they have read in the newspapers. I know from my own experience the minds of the jurors.

My letter is written to you in good faith and I am willing at any time to cooperate with you and furnish you with pictures and information with reference to criminals, crooked lawyers and judges.

One more serious thing in taking the prisoners from Walworth County with the consent of the sheriff without the proper court order has left the sheriff open for Civil damage suit as well as dismissal from office for failure to perform his duty according to law. Just supposing these men were good citizens who acted as if on a hunting trip and had all these guns, which often happens during the

Mr. Keenan

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hunting season and they were rushed off from one jail to another without court order, I wonder who would pay the bill. Then too, one lone unarmed village officer arrested Touhy and his gang who received a reputation by the alibi coppers who failed to solve crime in their own community, and the Government agent had an escort of 80 men carrying machine guns and other weapons to safeguard their return. It seems to me that this was a hippodrome affair instead of a real investigation.

Mr. E. P. Aldrich, the chief Post Office Inspector, Washington, D.C., who knows me and knows about my work, will be glad to tell you why I wrote you as I have because he knows that I am deeply interested in solving crime and I hate to see a good case or even a weak case spoiled by such wild statements and loose handling of everything.

Yours very truly,

E. P. CUNNINGHAM

P.O. Box 1803,  
Milwaukee, Wis.

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UNITED STATES SENATE  
Committee  
on  
Agriculture and Forestry

Louis Murphy, Iowa.

Dubuque, Iowa.  
July 26, 1933.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
U. S. Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I spent two days of last week in the office of Mr. M. H. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge, at Chicago. Mr. Purvis was most kind in arranging my engagements and showed me every courtesy, even to providing my lunch. I presume that you had asked his cooperation with the Senate Committee Investigating Rackets, and that you will be interested in knowing that he was most generous in his attentions to me.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Louis Murphy

Louis Murphy.

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U. S. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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~~and CONFIDENTIAL~~

1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
August 1, 1933.

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated July 29, 1933, with which you enclosed a copy of letter addressed to Joseph B. Keenan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General by E. P. Cunningham, Post Office Box 1803, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, wherein Mr. Cunningham is very critical of the activities of the Bureau's agents in the investigation of the Factor and William Hamm, Jr, cases.

With reference to this individual's statement to the effect that custody of these men was taken from the Sheriff in Walworth County, when they were brought to Chicago, please be advised that I received a telephone call from Chief of Detectives Shoemaker, and Captain Dan Gilbert of the State's Attorney's Office, Chicago, to the effect that four members of the Touhy gang were being held in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. In view of the fact that information had previously come to me indicating that the Touhy gang were responsible for a great many kidnappings, I had two special agents from this office accompany the police of Chicago to Elkhorn, for investigation. These men were returned to Chicago, where they have been positively identified as being the kidnapers of William Hamm, Jr. of St. Paul, Minnesota.

With regard to this person's statements to the effect that the matter was loosely handled, please be advised that this is not true. On the contrary, every possible precaution was taken. The history of the Touhy gang in the Chicago area is well known to everyone. The people of this area have been

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continuously intimidated by the activities of this gang, who have carried on their murderous activities with a free hand. Everyone knows that these men are murderers, and I am informed that no charge has ever been placed against them, and that they have ever been convicted.

With regard to this persons's statement to the effect that an escort of eighty men, carrying machine guns and other weapons brought these men to Chicago, please be advised that this, too, is entirely false. On each occasion when these men were removed from one point to another, they were, of course, properly guarded to prevent their escape.

With regard to his statements to the effect that I made the statement that Mr. Hamm had positively identified these men as his kidnapers, and that Mr. Hamm had made a statement to the contrary, no such statement was made to the press. In fact, in response to the repeated inquiries made by the press as to whether Mr. Hamm had positively identified these members of the Touhy gang as his kidnapers, I have always refused to discuss that point. The press, however, carried statements of this type, which were attributed to me.

With further reference to E. P. Cunningham, I desire to refer you to the report of Special Agent R. T. Amis of this office, dated July 29, 1933, in connection with the FRANK GORDON, WILLIAM HAMM, JR. Kidnaping case. It will be noted that various parties interviewed have stated that Cunningham is a "four-flusher, a drunkard, and entirely unreliable". Some of the persons interviewed stated that he has a reputation of being dishonest. We have received information that he has an unpaid hotel bill at the Hotel Sheridan Plaza, Chicago.

It will be noted that the investigation conducted by this office, was for the purpose of determining if he was a reliable person, in view of his solicitation for employment, of Mr. Hamm in St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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August 29, 1933.

Mr. Melvin H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I wanted to express to you, and through you to the personnel of the Chicago office of the Division of Investigation, my appreciation of the loyal and whole-hearted response given to the many heavy demands which have been recently made upon that office. I have been fully cognizant of the long hours which the personnel has been devoting to its work and it has meant much to me to know that the attitude of the personnel of the Chicago office has been of such a high degree of loyalty. Throughout the entire service we have had many heavy demands made upon us and particularly during the last several months in connection with the kidnaping cases and other investigations of considerable importance. The response of the entire Division of Investigation has indicated an excellent spirit of cooperation, which has been very gratifying to the Attorney General, as well as to me. I know that we are considerably short-handed, and yet we have been able to meet all demands made upon us with a degree of service which has been very commendable.

Please give my very deepest appreciation, both officially and personally, to each and every member of your office.

Sincerely yours,

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I, MELVIN H. PURVIS do solemnly

swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, United States Division of

INVESTIGATION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

(Sign here) Melvin H. Purvis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ) Where born (State only) SO. CAROLINA

TWELFTH day ) Date of birth October 24, 1903

of AUGUST A. D. 1933 ) Whence appointed:

State Car. County Florence

Congressional District 6th

Helen Dunkel

Notary Public

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Date of entry upon duty August 10, 1933

Residence Timmons ville, S. Car.

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November 8, 1933.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

*Purvis*

Dear Mr. Purvis:

In talking with you on November 6th I mentioned the fact that I had dispatched a telegram to you, requesting that you have Special Agent in Charge Dunn call me by long distance when he arrived in Chicago on the afternoon train. At the time I was talking to you, it was 12:15 p.m., Washington time, and you stated that you had not at that time received the telegram. I have made a check at this end and find that the telegram about which I spoke was dispatched from this building at 10:30 a.m., was sent over the wire from Washington at 10:51 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, and was received by the Chicago Office at 11:05 Eastern Standard Time. In other words, it was received in your office an hour before you talked to me on the telephone. I think it might be well for you to check on this matter in order to ascertain where the delay took place and the reason for it.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

November 7, 1933.

NOTE:

The Chicago telegram left the Department about 10:30; was sent from Washington at 10:51, and received by Mr. Purvis at 11:05 (all EST).

At 12:15 Mr. Purvis telephoned and stated he had not as yet received the telegram.

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*Letter Mr. Purvis*  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the list of Agents who have acted in a supervisory capacity and are recommended for placement on the list of Agents qualified in Antitrust investigations, prepared by Supervisor Little under date of October 4, 1933, I desire to suggest that the following names only, taken from that list, be included on the qualified list at the present time. I submit this additional list because of the fact that the names of the persons contained thereon are known to me personally as having conducted Antitrust investigations satisfactorily. The remaining names from the list will not be placed among those qualified until actual investigative work has been performed. The names of those qualified are as follows:

C. A. Appel  
H. A. Bongert  
D. W. Brentley  
E. P. Coffey  
E. J. Connelley  
J. E. P. Dunn  
R. G. Harvey  
V. W. Hughes  
J. M. Keith  
D. M. Ladd

J. B. Little  
C. D. McKean  
E. H. Purvis  
T. D. Quinn  
L. C. Schilder  
C. C. Spears  
T. N. Stapleton  
R. E. Vetterli  
R. Whitley

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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HPL:FLA

October 13, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to recent Division communications concerning the training which is to be given to each Special Agent in the use of firearms.

You are advised that the records of the Division reveal that Special Agents E. R. McIntire, L. T. Plummer, J. T. Martin, and yourself have not qualified as Marksmen with the pistol, and that Special Agents E. R. McIntire, L. T. Plummer, and yourself have not received instruction in the handling of the rifle, the automatic shot gun, and the sub-machine gun. Also the records of this office fail to indicate that Special Agents T. E. Billings and W. C. Jamison have received instruction in the use of the automatic shot gun.

It is requested that this matter be given your very prompt attention and that arrangements be made whereby the necessary instruction may be given and every Agent may qualify as a Marksman with the pistol at the earliest possible date. The Division should be advised of the grade received by each Agent in pistol practice.

Very truly yours,

Director.

x  
Purvis - M-H.

67-342-430

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September 23, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

*P. McIntire*

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the training of Special Agents of this Division in the use of firearms. You are advised that the records of the Division do not indicate that Special Agent K. R. McIntire or yourself have qualified as Marksmen with the pistol and have received instruction in the use of the rifle, the automatic shot gun, and the sub-machine gun. Also the records fail to indicate whether Special Agent W. J. Devereux has been instructed in the handling of the rifle, the automatic shot gun, and the sub-machine gun.

It is requested that arrangements be made immediately in order that you and Special Agent McIntire may qualify as Marksmen at the earliest possible date. The Division should be advised of the grades received in this practice.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Locke.....

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~~Personal and  
Confidential.~~

November 13, 1933.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have received your letter of November 8, 1933, relative to the telegram which you dispatched to this office requesting that Special Agent in Charge Dunn call you by long distance telephone upon his arrival here.

On investigation I find that this telegram was received here at about ten o'clock, Central Standard Time, and was delivered here shortly thereafter. I was not in the office at the time it arrived and Special Agent D. O. Smith instructed Mrs. Rogers to inform Mr. Dunn of the request contained in your telegram immediately upon his arrival. It therefore appears that although I was not advised of the receipt of this telegram at that time, that it had been received here.

I have issued instructions that I be advised immediately upon my return to the office, of any important matters which have transpired during my absence.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 17, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

In the monthly administrative report submitted by the Chicago Office for October, 1933, the Division notes that the same practice has been followed for the past two or three months in indicating under column sixteen "Rpt. near future." In this column the field office is expected to give an explanation for the delinquency of investigations and to advise, with reasonable approximation, when a report may be expected covering investigative action. In submitting monthly administrative reports the Chicago Office has failed to comply with the purpose of the report in this connection, being content to make a blanket statement concerning all cases which is of no value to the Division.

The Division desires that more care and thought be exercised by the Chicago Office in submitting monthly administrative reports in the future in order that the Division may be advised of the true status of the investigations being pursued by that office.

Very truly yours,

Director  
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November 25, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

*10/25/33*

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Charles Jenkins, November 18, 1933, in the case entitled WELLS S. FLEMING, PORTLAND IRON WORKS - NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT.

It is noted that this case was referred to your office by the Portland office by letter dated June 16, 1933, and that apparently your office was furnished with a copy of the letter of the complainant. It appears that the information contained in this letter would indicate that there was a possibility of the running of the Statute of Limitations, but that it did not receive attention until a date subsequent to three years from the filing of the bankruptcy petition. There is a strong possibility that the Statute of Limitations had run prior to the investigation conducted by your office.

It is desired that you advise the Division as to the reason for this apparent neglect in this case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
November 29, 1933

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated November 27, 1933, advising that Special Agent L. G. Plummer and I have not qualified as marksmen with a pistol.

Please be advised that Mr. Plummer is not located in the Chicago Office at the present time, and I would suggest that when he is next in Washington he be required to qualify.

With regard to myself, please be advised that I have recently had a good deal of practice with revolver, machine gun, shotgun, and other types of arms, and I will qualify myself, and forward information in this respect to the Division at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

MHP/dr

*per [signature]*  
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*Letter to Plummer  
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November 27, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

According to the records of the Division,  
Special Agent E. T. Finner and yourself have not  
qualified as Marksmen with the pistol. You should  
arrange for Agent Finner and yourself to qualify at  
once.

Please give this matter your immediate  
attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

*Farrow*

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1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois

December 4, 1933

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Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Hughes	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Locke	.....

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: WELLS S. FLEMING, PORTLAND IRON WORKS,  
NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT.

Reference is made to your letter dated November 25, 1933, requesting advice as to the reason for the delay in conducting the investigation in this case.

This case was originally assigned to Special Agent W. C. Ryan on June 30, 1933, along with other cases to be handled by him on a road trip in Northern Illinois. Numerous emergency matters then arose in the Chicago Division Office in connection with kidnaping cases and other cases which made it impossible for Agent Ryan to proceed on his road trip in Northern Illinois. It was also found impossible for the same reason, to send any other Agent to cover the leads on a road trip until September 30, 1933, when this case together with numerous other cases, was turned over to Special Agent Charles Jenkins to be handled in the Northern part of Illinois. The investigation, as indicated by the report of Agent Jenkins, dated November 18, 1933, was commenced by him on October 12, 1933.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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THE COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED STATES  
A CENTURY OF PROGRESS

Chicago, Illinois  
December 1, 1933

The Honorable  
The Attorney General  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Cummings:

67-657-A-1225

With the termination of the Chicago World's Fair for this season, I wish to express to you my sincere appreciation of the cooperation of the Department of Justice and of the splendid service rendered by the representatives detailed here.

Although I did not have an opportunity to meet all of them, I wish particularly to commend those whose work was outstanding: Mr. M. H. Purvis, Mr. D. O. Smith, and Mr. H. H. Reinecke, of the Division of Investigation.

It was a matter of pride and gratification to me, as Commissioner, to have such able and competent persons here.

Very truly yours,

Harry S. New  
Commissioner

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HPL:PLA

January 2, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

On several occasions the Division  
has brought to your attention your failure to  
qualify as a Marksman with the pistol. You  
should give this matter your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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December 26, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
 Division of Investigation,  
 United States Department of Justice,  
 1900 Bankers' Building,  
 Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your telephonic conversation of today with Mr. Quinn, you are authorized to reemploy Mr. Frederick Van Yeast as a temporary stenographer in your office at \$4.00 per day, with a view to permanent appointment, under Fiscal Control Number 3906. Mr. Van Yeast was previously employed under this Fiscal Control Number and served approximately eighteen days of the forty-five days originally authorized. The authorization may, therefore, be used to cover the reemployment of Mr. Van Yeast.

However, an additional oath of office should be executed and forwarded to the Division promptly to indicate the date of reemployment.

Approximately ten days after the date of entry on duty, it is requested that you submit your final recommendation regarding the permanent appointment of Mr. Van Yeast and, if your recommendation is favorable, his temporary appointment should be continued under the same Fiscal Control Number until such time as his permanent appointment is received.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which was addressed to Congressman Joseph P. Moynihan on December 22nd. The Congressman's telegram, referred to therein, stated that the Chicago office had advised that Mr. Van Yeast had made a satisfactory grade in the test given him and that his work was satisfactory and that advice that he had not passed the test had come from Washington. In view of the embarrassing position in which the Division has been placed, I wish you would advise me immediately as to the reason why Mr. Van Yeast was informed of the grade he received and that his services were satisfactory.

*Lewis*  
 7-33100-16

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 878438.

February 14, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

Under date of February 3, 1934, the Division was advised by letter from your office that Special Agents M. B. Rhodes, W. J. Devereux, V. W. Peterson, and T. E. Billings, departed for Sioux Falls, S. D., at 5:45 p.m., on February 2, 1934. The above letter is the last communication in the Division files concerning the location of these agents. In a telephone conversation with Mr. Clegg of the Division you advised that Agent Coulter was the only agent remaining at Sioux Falls. However, the Division was not advised by telephone or otherwise of the departure of the above four agents for their headquarters.

I wish you would impress upon your assistants the fact that the Division at Washington relies solely upon information received from the field as to the whereabouts of agents and if this information is not forthcoming the Division may be deterred in the proper discharge of its work. I believe that other letters have been sent to your office on this particular matter and I hope it will be unnecessary to do so again.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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February 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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*IRVING'S*

Dear Sir:

It is desired that you take whatever steps are necessary in order that you and Special Agent L. T. Plummer may qualify as marksmen with the pistol at the very earliest possible date.

Please give this matter your prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

February 19, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 16, 1934, requesting that the necessary steps be taken to qualify myself and Special Agent L. T. ~~Plummer~~ as marksmen with the pistol.

I will take immediate steps to furnish the Division with scores made by me and I hope this can be done within the next several days.

With regards to Special Agent Plummer, I suggest that the Special Agent in Charge of the Washington Field Office arrange to qualify Mr. Plummer when the latter is next in Washington, inasmuch as he has not been in Chicago for some time.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	.....
MR. TOLSON	.....
MR. CLEGG	.....
MR. COWLEY	.....
MR. EDWARDS	.....
MR. EGAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. ROMER	.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

*Purvis*

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Connors prepared a rough draft of those special agents who were on special assignment away from their headquarters. Among those listed were the agents from the Chicago office who had gone to Sioux Falls, S. D., in connection with the Alcorn case. These agents were T. B. Billings, W. J. Devereux, V. W. Peterson, and M. B. Rhodes. Mr. Clegg on seeing these names remarked to the effect that all had returned to Chicago with the exception of Agent Coulter who remained at Sioux Falls. Agent Coulter, of course, is attached to the St. Paul office and he was not shown as out of assignment. This information from Mr. Clegg is the only information received regarding the return of these agents. Mr. Clegg had not been advised of the return of these agents by the Chicago office his information as furnished Mr. Connors was grounded on the conversation of Mr. Purvis to the effect that Mr. Purvis and Mr. Reinecke were returning to Chicago leaving only one agent at Sioux Falls namely, Mr. Coulter. The proper notations regarding the above have been made on your books and on your map. A letter is being directed to the Chicago office requesting to be advised why this information was not furnished in accordance with the instructions in the Manual of Rules and Regulations.

Respectfully,

*Howard E. Locke*

Howard E. Locke

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1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
February 17, 1934

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of February 14, 1934,  
please be advised that Special Agents M. B. Rhodes, W. J.  
Devereux, and T. E. Billings arrived in Chicago at 8:00 A.  
M. on February 4, 1934, from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

I have impressed upon my assistants that inform-  
ation as to the whereabouts of agents is vitally important  
to the Division at Washington, and that utmost care should  
be taken in matters of this kind, in the future.

I regret the occurrence of this oversight.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

MHP/dr

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February 26, 1934

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to indications that Mr. Adler, a newspaper man at Davenport, Iowa, had been assaulted in connection with an attempted kidnaping, the Division feels that its instructions at recent training schools for Special Agents in Charge were sufficiently clear to cover instances of this kind and believes that in such instances the field offices should immediately contact the intended victim and take such action as is necessary for the purpose of inquiring into the activities of any gangs which might be engaged in kidnaping activities.

The Division will be pleased to receive a statement from you as to why Mr. Adler was not interviewed upon receipt of information by your office, either through the newspaper or otherwise, that the kidnaping had been attempted.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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M H FURVIS  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

FORWARD IMMEDIATELY EXPLANATION WHY YOU DISREGARDED INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED  
~~APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO TO FORWARD THE BRIEF BAG AND CONTENTS~~  
~~TO CHIEF OF POLICE DAHILL AT STPAUL~~ THIS HAS PROVEN EXTREMELY  
EMBARRASSING TO THIS OFFICE AS I HAD ASSURED ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
KEEMAN WHO IN TURN ASSURED MR DAHILL THAT THE BAG HAD BEEN SHIPPED TWO  
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POSTAL TELEGRAPH

MARCH 1 1934

DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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WASHINGTON D C

REFERENCE BRIEF BAG OF CHIEF OF POLICE DAHILL UPON RECEIPT INSTRUCTIONS  
MADE NOTES TO SHIP FOLLOWING DAY STOP NOTE MADE BECAME DESTROYED OR LOST  
AND FAILURE SHIP DUE TO OVERSIGHT MY PART AM SORRY FOR EMBARRASSING YOU  
AND MR KEENAN ENTIRELY MY FAULT

PURVIS<sup>0</sup>

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# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

February 28, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letters of February 22 and February 26, 1934, the latter of which requests a statement from me as to why Mr. Adler, a newspaper man of Davenport, Iowa, who had been assaulted in connection with an attempted kidnaping, was not interviewed upon receipt of information by my office.

I was informed of the fact that an attempted kidnaping had taken place in the Morrison Hotel, the facts of which have already been reported to you. The reason why Mr. Adler was not interviewed on receipt of this information was because of the fact that every employee in the Chicago Office was engaged on following out highly important leads on the Bremer Kidnaping Case and other important matters, and at that time I was handling many important matters personally. I have no excuse to offer for my failure to have him interviewed immediately after this attempt had been made. The instructions at the recent Training Schools for Special Agents in Charge were entirely clear to me and the only reason he was not interviewed immediately was because of the pressure of other important business in the Chicago Office at the time.

I regret the failure to interview Mr. Adler and desire to inform you that in future instances of this kind, the intended Victim will be interviewed earlier than he was in this case.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 6, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In view of the experience of this office recently in connection with the investigation of cases involving thefts from interstate shipments where the defendants at the time said investigations were initiated were unknown, and consequently the titles have been carried as "Unknown subjects", the following suggestion is made:

In addition to the title "Unknown Subjects" it is believed that the titles of cases in such instances should also contain the type of goods stolen, the point where the goods have been stolen, and some descriptive matter in connection with the truck which was hi-jacked. For example: If a truckload of tires, owned by the Akron Motor Cargo Company were hi-jacked at Plainfield, Illinois, it is suggested that the title read: "Unknown Subjects - Rubber Tires - Plainfield, Illinois - Akron Motor Cargo Company".

In this manner when a ring of alleged hi-jackers is taken into custody, and admissions are made by them, it will facilitate locating in our files cases which have previously been carried as unknown subjects.

I shall be pleased to receive an expression of the Division's views in this matter, with particular reference to whether it seems feasible to inaugurate the practice outlined above in this and other Division offices.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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March 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Last evening I had occasion to call Mr. Purvis at Chicago to inquire of him what steps had been taken in the Chicago Office toward bringing about the apprehension of Dillinger, and much to my surprise the Chicago Office had done practically nothing in this matter, notwithstanding the fact that Dillinger is now known to have violated a Federal Statute in that he stole an automobile in Indiana and drove the same into Chicago and left it parked in one of the public parks in Chicago. This, of course, brings him within the purview of the Dyer Act.

I am also somewhat concerned that the supervising officials at the Seat of Government did not take immediate steps to instruct our field offices as soon as Dillinger escaped, to put forth every effort to bring about his apprehension, notwithstanding the fact that Dillinger at that time was not known to have violated a Federal Statute. The reason I am surprised that the supervising officials did not take this action is because when Dillinger made his previous escape, this Division did take steps to endeavor to bring about his apprehension, so consequently, there was no reason why we should not take similar steps when he made his recent escape. When it became known that he had stolen an automobile and taken it from Indiana to Illinois, specific instructions should have been issued by the Division to its field offices, and in particular to Chicago and Cincinnati, to give the case very careful attention.

Of course, Chicago and other field offices should have acted on this matter without specific instructions from Washington, but as I view it, there has been a failure to act diligently in this matter both at the Seat of Government and at Chicago.

Will you please take immediate steps to see that appropriate instructions are issued to the field offices and that an Identification Order is issued, and check your division to find out why more diligent supervision wasn't followed in this matter.

Very truly yours,

67-26-257  
Director.

WRG:FLA

March 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

0 According to the records of the Division, you and Special Agents F. C. Guerrero and L. T. Plummer have not qualified as Marksmen with the pistol. You are requested to determine definitely not later than April 1, 1934 whether you and these Agents are able to qualify as Marksmen. Please give this matter immediate attention.

There are transmitted herewith the vocation and avocation records of Special Agents H. Q. Gillespie and J. J. Waters who were recently assigned to the Chicago Office. Agents Gillespie and Waters made grades of 68% and 63% respectively in pistol practice while attending the training school.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

March 15, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 12, 1934, calling my attention to the fact that Special Agents F. C. Guerrero, L. T. Plummer and myself have not qualified as Marksmen with the pistol.

For your information, I have qualified as a Marksman with the pistol on the fifteen yard range in the old Federal Building, but have not had an opportunity to qualify on the twenty-five yard firing. I will do this at the earliest possible moment.

Special Agent L. T. Plummer is not in Chicago and has been on special assignment for some time. It is suggested that the Washington Field Office be instructed to have Mr. Plummer qualify as a Marksman at such time as he is in Washington.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

MHP/RMT

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1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

March 12, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 6, 1934, informing me that I have been selected to interview Applicants residing in the Chicago, St. Paul, Kansas City, Detroit and Cincinnati Division Districts.

I desire to inform you that I appreciate the confidence indicated by this action and also to assure you that this matter will receive my most careful and conscientious attention.

Sincerely yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

MHP/RCW

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WRG:FLA

April 6, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated March 12, 1934, concerning your failure to qualify as a Marksman with the pistol.

It is requested that you advise the Division immediately whether you are able to qualify and in the event you are not able to qualify as a Marksman with the pistol, you should furnish the Division with the approximate date when you expect to be able to qualify. Please give this matter immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

April 7, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 5, 1934, calling my attention to the fact that three of my photographs have not been transmitted to the Division for newspaper reproduction.

Up to the present time I have not been able to have these photographs taken. I have a photograph which was taken a little over a year ago but since the photographs must have been taken during the last three months, I will endeavor to have some made as early as possible and send them to you.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
April 10, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated April 6, 1934, concerning my failure to qualify as a marksman with a pistol. For your information, I have qualified as a marksman with a pistol on a fifteen yard range, and there is no doubt that I will qualify on the twenty-five yard range as soon as I have had an opportunity to visit the range where this shooting can be performed. I have used the fifteen yard range in the old Federal Building, which is just across the street, and I am proficient with a pistol for this distance. However, the pressure of business has prevented me from going to the outlying places where I would have to go to get the training in twenty-five yard shooting. I will give this my immediate attention, and undoubtedly within the next week or two, I will be able to inform you that I have fully qualified.

For your information, I have used a revolver and automatic on many occasions, although it was not on special target practice, and while I cannot furnish any specific grade at the present time, I believe that the Division may rest assured that I am qualified to handle arms of all types necessary in connection with the work of the Division.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis* JAN 13 1984

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY

I am attaching hereto a copy of an article appearing in today's Washington Times, and which is a press dispatch from Mercer, Wisconsin, stating that a petition is being circulated demanding the suspension of Special Agent in Charge Melvin Purvis, of the Chicago Office of this Division, because of the unwarranted shooting of one of the C.C.C. workers at the Little Bohemia Inn. In order that you may have at hand the true facts concerning this matter, I might state that Mr. Purvis was not in charge of the detail of Agents who went to the Little Bohemia Inn, as the detail was under the direction and control of Assistant Director Clegg. As a matter of fact, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, in the neighborhood of which is located the Little Bohemia Inn, is not even in the jurisdiction of the Chicago Office, of which Mr. Purvis is Agent in Charge. Mr. Clegg was in charge of the detachment of Agents which arrived at Rhinelander on Sunday, Mr. Clegg having proceeded there from St. Paul, where he had been stationed in connection with the investigation of the Bremer kidnaping case, as well as the Dillinger case. Mr. Clegg was accompanied from St. Paul by Inspector Rorer, from Washington headquarters, and by Special Agent in Charge Hammi, of the St. Paul Office. Mr. Purvis proceeded to Rhinelander from Chicago, accompanied by Agents of that office. Mr. Clegg, being the ranking official in the Division, was in charge of the detail at all times.

I have talked with both Mr. Clegg and Mr. Purvis relative to this particular incident concerning the killing of the C.C.C. worker. I have asked that a full and detailed report be submitted by each, but in substance they have reported to me by phone, and upon their arrival at the inn, three men were seen leaving the inn and getting into an automobile which was parked in front of the inn. They were commanded to halt, and they did not halt, whereupon Agent in Charge Purvis and Agent Baum, the Agent who was subsequently killed, endeavored to stop the car by firing at it. Mr. Purvis' machine gun jammed and did not fire. Mr. Baum's gun, however, did fire, and it is possible that the shot from Mr. Baum's gun was the one which killed one C.C.C. worker and wounded the other two. It should be remembered, of course, that these three men had been in the inn and were seen leaving it immediately upon the arrival of our Agents, which was about one o'clock in the morning. It was a very dark night, raining and snowing intermittently, with the result that they could not be identified as being Dillinger or any of his associates, but we had received definite information that Dillinger and his associates were in the inn and that no other persons were there. Consequently, it was to be suspected that the three men entering the automobile and moving away in it were either Dillinger

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and his associates, or at least, members of his gang. To have permitted them to depart would have resulted in criticism of our Agents, had it subsequently been found that the three men in the car were Dillinger's gangsters. Consequently, after the three men had been told to halt and did not do so, they were fired upon, and as indicated, it is possible that the shots fired by Mr. Baum may have been the ones which caused the death of one of the C.C.C. workers and the injury of the other two. I do not believe, however, with the facts which have been presented to me to date, that there can be any criticism leveled at the Agents for the action which they took in this matter. They were approaching a known gangsters' hide-out, and they saw three men leaving this hide-out. These three men were called upon to halt, but instead of doing so, they entered an automobile and proceeded to drive away, and consequently, the Agents fired.

The above facts have not been made public, of course, because I do not consider it desirable that the details as to the actual shooting of these men should be disclosed, particularly in view of the fact that the Agent who fired the gun which possibly inflicted death upon one of the C.C.C. workers is now dead himself.

I wanted, however, to bring the facts to your attention in order that you might have them available and if you desire to do so, to call them to the attention of the Attorney General.

I might add that the alleged petition which is being circulated at Mercer, Wisconsin, demanding Mr. Purvis' suspension, is being circulated by United States Postmaster Gehr, of Mercer, Wisconsin.

Respectfully,

Director.

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May 1, 1934.

Mr. W. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

According to the records of the Division,  
to date you have failed to qualify as a marksman  
with the pistol. It is desired that you qualify  
at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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